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CHAPTER XVII.

The letter which Philip had received and which his wife now read was as follows:

Rev. Philip Strong, Pastor Calvary Church, Milton:

Dear Sir and Brother: The seminary at Fairview has long been contemplating the addition to its professorship of a chair of sociology. The lack of funds and the absolute necessity of sufficient endowment for such a chair have made it impossible hitherto for the trustees to make any definite move in this direction. A recent legacy, of which you have doubtless heard, has made the beginning of this new professorship possible. And now the trustees by unanimous vote have united upon you as the man best fitted to fill this chair of sociology. We have heard of your work in Milton and know of it personally. We are assured you are the man for the place. We therefore tender you most heartily the position of professor of sociology at Fairview seminary at a salary of $2,500 a year and a preliminary year's absence, either abroad or in this country, before you begin actual labors with the seminary.

With this formal call on the part of the trustees goes the most earnest desire on the part of all the professors of the seminary who remember you in your marked undergraduate success as a student here. You will meet with the most loving welcome, and the seminary will be greatly strengthened by your presence in this new department. We are, in behalf of the seminary, very cordially yours, THE TRUSTEES.

Here followed their names, familiar to both Philip and his wife.

There was a moment of astonished silence, and then Sarah said:

"Well, Philip, that's what I call the finger of Providence!"

"Do you call it the finger of Providence because it points the way you want to go?" asked Philip, with a smile. But his face instantly grew sober. He was evidently very much excited by the call to Fairview. It had come at a time when he was in a condition to be very much moved by it.

"Yes, Philip," replied his wife as she smoothed back his hair from his forehead, "it is very plain to me that you have done all that any one can do here in Milton, and this call comes just in time. You are worn out. The church is opposed to your methods. You need a rest and a change, and, besides, this is the very work that you have always had a liking for."

Philip said nothing for a moment. His mind was in a whirl of emotion. Finally he said: "Yes; I would enjoy such a professorship. It is a very tempting call. I feel drawn toward it. And yet"—he hesitated—"I don't know that I ought to leave Milton just now."

Mrs. Strong was provoked. "Philip Strong, you have lived this kind of life long enough! All your efforts in Calvary church are wasted. What good have all your sermons done? It is all a vain sacrifice, and the end will be defeat and misery for you. Add to all this the fact that this new work will call for the best and most Christian labor and that some good Christian man will take it if you don't—and I don't see, Philip, how you can possibly think of such a thing as refusing this opportunity."

"It certainly is a splendid opportunity," murmured Philip. "I wonder why they happened to pitch on me for the place?"

"That's easy enough. Every one knows that you could fill that chair better than almost any other man in the country."

"Do you mean by 'every one' a little woman of the name of Sarah?" asked Philip, with a brief return of his teasing habit.

"No, sir. I mean all the professors and people in Fairview and all the thinking people of Milton and every one who knows you, Philip. Every one knows that whatever else you lack it isn't brains."

"I'd like to borrow a few just now, though, for I seem to have lost most of mine. Lend me yours, won't you, Sarah, until I settle this question of the call?"

"No, sir. If you can't settle a plain question like this with all your brains, you couldn't do any better with the addition of the little I have."

"Then you really think, do you, Sarah, that I ought to accept this as the leading of the spirit of God and follow without hesitation?"

Mrs. Strong replied with almost tearful earnestness:

"Philip, it seems to me like the leading of his hand. Surely you have shown your willingness and your courage and your sacrifice by your work here. But your methods are distasteful, and your preaching has so far roused only antagonism. Oh, I dread the thought of this life for you another day. It looks to me like a suicidal policy, with nothing to show for it when you have gone through with it."

Philip spread the letter out on the couch, and his face grew more and more thoughtful as he gazed into the face of his wife, and his mind went over the ground of his church experience. If only—he was perhaps thinking—if only the good God had not given him so sensitive and fine tempered a spirit of conscientiousness. He almost envied men of coarse, blunt feelings, of common ideals of duty and service.

His wife watched him anxiously. She knew it was a crisis with him. At last he said:

"Well, Sarah, I don't know but you're right. The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. The professorship would be free from the incessant worry and anxiety of a parish, and then I might be just as useful in the seminary as I am here—who knows?"

"Who knows, indeed?" exclaimed Sarah joyfully. At the same time she was almost crying. She picked up the letter and called Philip's attention to the clause which granted him a year abroad in case he accepted. "Think of that, Philip! Your dream of foreign travel can come true now!"

"That is"—Philip looked out of the window over the dingy roof of a shed near by to the gloomy tenements—"that is, supposing I decide to accept."

"Supposing! But you almost the same as said so. Oh, Philip, say you will! Be reasonable! This is the opportunity of a lifetime!"

"That's true," replied Philip.

"You may not have another such chance as this as long as you live. You are young now and with every prospect of success in work of this kind. It is new work, of the kind you like. You will have leisure and means to carry on important experiments and influence for life young men entering the ministry. Surely, Philip, there is as great opportunity for usefulness and sacrifice there as anywhere. It must be that the will of God is in this. It comes without any seeking on your part."

"Yes, indeed!" Philip spoke with the only touch of pride he ever exhibited. It was pride in the knowledge that he was absolutely free from self glory or self seeking.

"Then say you will accept. Say you will, Philip!"

The appeal, coming from the person dearest to him in all the world, moved Philip profoundly. He took the letter from her hand, read it over carefully and again laid it down on the couch. Then he said:

"Sarah, I must pray over it. I need a little time. You will have reason"— Philip paused, as his habit sometimes was, and at that moment the bell rang, and Mrs. Strong went down stairs. As she went along she felt almost persuaded that Philip would yield. Something of his tone seemed to imply that the struggle in his mind was nearly ended.

The callers at the door were three men who had been to see Philip several times to talk with him about the mill troubles and the labor conflict in general. They wanted to see Philip. Mrs. Strong was anxious about the condition of Philip's health. She asked the men to come in and went up stairs again.

"Can you see them, sir? Are you strong enough?" she asked.

"Yes; tell them to come up. I am comfortable now."

Philip was resting easily, and after a careful look at him Mrs. Strong went down stairs.

To her surprise two of the men had gone. The one who remained explained that he thought three persons would excite or tire the minister more than one. He had staid and would not trouble Philip very long. But the business on which he came was of such an important nature that he felt obliged to see the minister if he could do so without danger to him.

So the man went up, and Philip greeted him with his usual heartiness, excusing himself for not rising. The man took a chair, moved up near the couch and sat down. He seemed a good deal excited, but in a suppressed and cautious way.

"I came to see you, Mr. Strong, to tell you about a thing you ought to know. There is danger of your life here."

"Where?" asked Philip calmly.

"Here, in this neighborhood."

"Well?" Philip waited for more explanation.

"I didn't want to tell your wife for fear of scaring her, but I thought you ought to know, Mr. Strong, and then you could take steps to protect yourself or get away."

"Go on. Tell me the worst," said Philip quietly as the man paused.

"Well," the man went on in a low tone, "two others and me overheard a talk last night by the men who run the Star saloon and den down by the Falls. They have a plan to waylay you, rob you and injure you, sir, and do it in such a way as to make it seem a common hold up. They seemed to know about your habit of going around through the alleys and cross streets of the tenements. We heard enough to make us sure they really and truly meant to deal foully by you the first good chance, and we thought best to put you on your guard. The rummies are down on you, Mr. Strong. You have been so outspoken against them. And your lecture in the hall last week has made them mad, I tell you. They hate you worse than poison, for that's the article they seem to sell and make a living out of."

Philip had the week before addressed a large meeting of workingmen, and in the course of his speech he had called attention to the saloon as one of the greatest foes of the wage earner.

"Is that all?" Philip asked.

"All, man alive! Isn't it enough? What more do you hanker after?"

"Of course I don't 'hanker after' being held up or attacked, but these men are mistaken if they think to frighten me."

"They mean more than frighten, Mr. Strong; they mean business."

"Why don't you have them arrested, then, for conspiracy? If you overheard their talk, they are guilty and could be convicted."

"Not in Milton, Mr. Strong. Besides, there was no name mentioned, and the talk was scatteringlike. They are shrewd devils. But we could tell they meant you plain enough. Not to prove anything in court, though."

"And you came to warn me? That was kind of you, my brother." Philip spoke with the winsome affection for men that made his hold on common people like the grappling vine with loving tendrils.

"Yes, Mr. Strong, I tell you the rummies will almost hold a prayer meeting when you leave Milton. And they mean to make you trouble enough until you do leave. If I was you," the man paused curiously—"if I was you, I'd get up and leave this God forsaken town, Mr. Strong."

"You would?" Philip glanced at the letter which still lay upon the couch beside him. "Suppose I should say I had about made up my mind to do just that thing?"

"Oh, no, Mr. Strong, you don't mean that!" The man made a gesture toward Philip that revealed a world of longing and of hunger for fellowship that made Philip's heart throb with a feeling of intense joy, mingled with an ache of pain. The man at once repressed his emotion. It had been like a lightning flash out of a summer cloud.

"Yes," said Philip, as if continuing, "I have been thinking of leaving Milton."

"That might be best. You're in danger here. No telling when some harm may come to you."

"Well, I'm thinking I might as well leave. My work here has been a failure anyway."

"What, a failure? Mr. Strong, you don't know the facts. There has never been a minister in Milton who did so much for the poor and the workingmen as yourself! Let me tell you," the man continued with an earnestness that concealed an emotion he was trying to subdue, "Mr. Strong, if you were to leave Milton now, it would be a greater loss to the common people than you can realize. You may not know it, but you're talked of among us a very great deal. I have lived in Milton as boy and man for 20 years, and I never knew so many laboring men to attend church and see lectures in the hall as during the last 6 months you have been here. Your work here has not been a failure; it has been a great success."

A tear stole out of Philip's eye and rolled down and fell with a warm splash on the letter which lay beside him. If a $2,500 call could be drowned by one tear, that professorship in sociology in Fairview seminary was in danger.

"So you think the people in this neighborhood would miss me a little?" he asked almost as modestly as if he were asking a great favor.

"Would they, Mr. Strong! You will never know what you have done for them. If the mill men were to hear of your leaving, they would come down here in a body and almost compel you to stay. I cannot bear to think of your going. And yet the danger you are in, the whisky men!"

Philip roused himself up, interrupting his visitor. The old time flash of righteous indignation shot out of his eyes as he exclaimed: "I am more than half minded to stay on that account! The rummies would think they had beaten me out if I left!"

"Oh, Mr. Strong, I can't tell you how glad we would be if you would only stay! And yet"—

"And yet," replied Philip, with a sad smile, "there are many things to take into the account. I thank you out of my heart for the love you have shown

"Your work here has not been a failure; it has been a great success."

me. It means more than words can express." And Philip lifted his eyes with a wearied look on his face, which nevertheless revealed his deep appreciation at the thought of such friendship as this man had spoken.

He was getting exhausted with the interview, following so soon on his illness of the night before. The visitor was quick to notice it, and after a warm clasp of hands he went away. Philip, lying there alone while his wife was busy down stairs, lived an age in a few minutes. All his life so far in Milton, the events of his preaching and his experiences in the church, his contact with the workmen, his evident influence over them, the thought of what they would feel in case he left Milton to accept this new work, the dissatisfaction at the thought of an unaccomplished work abandoned, the thought of the exultation of the whisky men—all this and much more surged in and out of his mind and heart, like heavy tides of a heaving ocean as it rushes into some deep fissure and then flows back again with noise and power. He struggled up into a sitting position and with pain of body almost fell from the couch upon his knees and with his face bowed upon the letter, which he spread out before him with both hands, he sobbed out a yearning cry to his Master for light in his darkness.

It came as he knelt down, and it did not seem to him at all strange or absurd that as he knelt there came to his thought a picture of the Brother Man. And he could almost hear the Brother Man say: "Your work is in Milton, in Calvary church yet. Except a man shall renounce all that he hath he cannot be his disciple." It mattered not to Philip that the answer to his prayer came in this particular way. He was not superstitious or morbid or given to yielding to impulse or fancy. He lay down upon the couch again and knew in his heart that he was at peace with God and his own conscience in deciding to stay with Calvary church and refuse the call to Fairview.

CHAPTER XVIII.

When a few minutes later Mrs. Strong came up, Philip told her exactly how he had decided.

"I cannot leave these poor fellows in the tenements yet. My work is just beginning to count with them. And the church—oh, Sarah, I love it, for it has such possibilities, and it must yield in time. And then the whisky men. I cannot bear to have them think me beaten, driven out, defeated. And in addition to all the rest I have a feeling that God has a wonderful blessing in store for me and the church very soon, and I cannot banish the feeling that if I accept the call to Fairview I should always be haunted by that ghost of Duty murdered and run away from which would make me unhappy in all my future work. Dear little woman," Philip went on as he drew his wife's head down and kissed her tenderly, while tears of disappointment fell from her, "little woman, you know you are the dearest of all earthly beings to me. And my soul tells me the reason you loved me enough to share earth's troubles with me was that you knew I could not be a coward in the face of my duty, my conscience and my God. Is it not so?"

The answer came in a sob of mingled anguish and happiness:

"Yes, Philip, but it was only for your sake I wanted you to leave this work. It is killing you. Yet"—and she lifted her head, with a smile through all the tears—"yet, Philip, 'whither thou goest I will go; and where thou lodgest I will lodge; thy people shall be my people and thy God my God. Where thou diest will I die, and there will I be buried; the Lord do so to me and more also if aught but death part thee and me.'"

There were people in Milton who could not understand how a person of such refined and even naturally expensive and luxurious habits as the minister's wife possessed could give up the life she had planned for herself and his idea of Christian living and ideal. Philip could have told them if he had been so minded. And this scene could have revealed it to any one who knew the minister and his wife as they really were. That was a sacred scene to husband and wife, something that belonged to them, one of those things which the world did not know and had no business to know.

When the first Sunday of another month had come Mr. Strong felt quite well again. A rumor of his call to Fairview had gone out, and to the few intimate friends who asked him about it he did not deny, but he said little. The time was precious to him. He plunged into the work with an enthusiasm and a purpose which sprang from his knowledge that he was at last really gaining some influence in the tenement district.

The condition of affairs in that neighborhood was growing worse instead of better. The amount of vice, drunkenness, crime and brutality made his sensitive heart quiver a hundred times a day as he went his way through it all. His study of the whole question led him to the conviction that one of the great needs of the place was a new home life for the people. The tenements were owned and rented by men of wealth and influence. Many of these men were in the church. Discouraged as he had so often been in his endeavor to get the moneyed men of the congregation to consecrate their property to Christian uses, Philip came up to that first Sunday with a new pulse of the same great subject which pressed so hard for utterance that he could not keep it back.

As he faced the church this morning he faced an audience composed of very conflicting elements. Representatives of labor were conspicuous in the galleries. People whom he had assisted at one time and another were scattered through the house, mostly in the back seats under the choir gallery. His own membership was represented by men who, while opposed to his idea of the Christian life and his interpretation of Christ, nevertheless continued to go and hear him preach. The incident of the sexton's application for membership and his rejection by vote had also told somewhat in favor of the minister. Many preachers would have resigned after such a scene. He had said his say about it and then refused to speak or be interviewed by the papers on the subject. What it cost him in suffering was his own secret. But this morning, as he rose to give his message in the person of Christ, the thought of the continued suffering and shame and degradation in the tenement district, the thought of the great wealth in the possession of the church which might be used almost to transform the lives of thousands of people if the men of riches in Calvary church would only see the kingdom of God in its demands on them—this voiced his cry to the people and gave his sermon the significance and solemnity of a prophet's inspiration.

"See!" he exclaimed as he went on after drawing a vivid picture of the miserable condition of life in the Buildings which could not be called homes, "see what a change could be wrought by the use of a few thousand dollars down there. And here this morning in this house men are sitting who own very many of those tenements, who are getting the rent from them every month, who could, without suffering one single sorrow, without depriving themselves of one necessity or even luxury of life, so change the surroundings of these people that they would enjoy the physical life God gave them and be able to see his love in the lives of his disciples. Oh, my brethren, is not this your opportunity? What is money compared with humanity? What is the meaning of our discipleship unless we are using what God has given us to build up his kingdom? The money represented by this church could rebuild the entire tenement district. The men who own these buildings"— He paused as if he had suddenly become aware that he might be saying an unwise thing. Then, after a brief hesitation, as if he had satisfied his own doubt, he repeated: "The men who own these tenements—and members of other churches besides Calvary are among the owners—are guilty in the sight of God for allowing human beings made in his image to grow up in such horrible surroundings when it is in the power of money to stop it. Therefore they shall receive greater condemnation at the last, when Christ sits on the throne of the universe to judge the world. For will he not say, as he said long years ago, 'I was an hungered and ye gave me no meat, naked and ye clothed me not, sick and in miserable dwellings reeking with filth and disease and ye drew the hire of these places and visited me not?' For are these men and women and children not our brethren? Verily God will require it at our hands, oh, men of Milton, if, having the power to use God's property so as to make the world happier and better, we refuse to do so and go our ways careless of our responsibility and selfish in our use of God's money."

Philip closed his sermon with an account of facts concerning the condition of some of the people he himself had visited. When the service closed, more than one property owner went away secretly enraged at the minister's bold and, as most of them said and thought, "impertinent meddling in their business." Was he wise? And yet he had been to more than one of these men in private with the same message. Did he not have the right to speak in public? Did not Christ do so? Would he not do so if he were here on earth again? And Philip, seeing the great need, seeing the mighty power of money, seeing the indifference of these men to the whole matter, seeing their determination to conduct their business for the gain of it without regard to the condition of life, with his heart sore and his soul indignant at the suffering he had witnessed, came into the church and flung his sword of wrath out of its scabbard, smiting at the very thing dearest of all things to thousands of church members today—the money, the property, the gain of acquisition—and he smote perhaps with a somewhat unwise energy of denunciation, yet with his heart crying out for wisdom with every blow he struck, "Would Christ say it? Would he say it?" And his sensitive, keenly suffering spirit heard the answer, "Yes, I believe he would." Back of that answer he did not go in those days so rapidly drawing to their tremendous close. He bowed the soul of him to his Master and said, "Thy will be done!"

The week following this Sunday was one of the busiest Philip had known. With the approach of warmer weather, a great deal of sickness came on. He was going early and late on errands of mercy to the poor souls all about his own house. The people knew him now and loved him. He comforted his spirit with that knowledge as he prayed and worked.

He was going through one of the narrow courts one night on his way home, with his head bent down and his thoughts on some scene of suffering, when he was suddenly confronted by a young man who stepped quickly out from a shadowed corner, threw one arm about Philip's neck and placed his other hand over his mouth and attempted to throw him over backward.

It was very late, and there was no one in sight. Philip said to himself, "This is the attack of which I was warned." He was taken altogether by surprise, but, being active and self possessed, he sharply threw himself forward, repelling his assailant's attack, and succeeded in pulling the man's hand away from his mouth. His first second's method was to cry out for help; his next was to keep still. He suddenly felt the other giving way. The strength seemed to be leaving him. Philip, calling up some of his knowledge of wrestling gained while in college, threw his entire weight upon him, and, to his surprise, the man offered no resistance. They both fell heavily upon the ground, the man underneath. He had not spoken, and no one had yet appeared. As the man lay there motionless Philip rose and stood over him. By the dim light that partly illuminated the court from a street lamp farther on he saw that his assailant was stunned. There was a pump not far away. Philip went over and brought some water. After a few moments the man recovered consciousness. He sat up and looked about in a confused manner. Philip stood near by, looking at him thoughtfully.

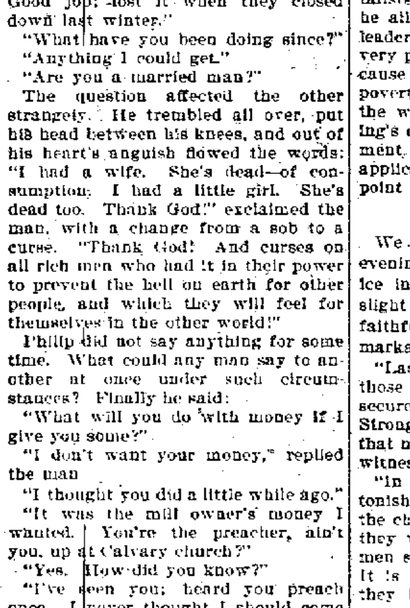
CHAPTER XIX.

As the man looked up at Philip in a dazed and uncertain manner Philip said slowly:

"You're not hurt badly, I hope. Why did you attack me?"

The man seemed too bewildered to answer. Philip leaned over and put one arm about him to help him rise. He struggled to his feet and almost instantly sat down on the curb at the side of the road, holding his head between his hands. For a moment Philip hesitated. Then he sat down beside him and, after finding out that he was not seriously hurt, succeeded in drawing him into a conversation which grew more and more remarkable as it went on. As he thought back upon it afterward Philip was unable to account exactly for the way in which the confidence between him and his assailant had been brought about. The incident and all that flowed out of it had such a bearing on the crucifixion that it belongs to the whole story.

"Then you say," went on Philip after they had been talking briefly in question and answered for a few minutes—"you say that you meant to rob me, taking me for another man?"



"I had a wife. She's dead—of consumption."

"Yes. I thought you was the mill man. What is his name? Winter?"

"Why did you want to rob him?"

The man looked up and said hoarsely, almost savagely, "Because he has money, and I was hungry."

"How long have you been hungry?"

"I have not had anything to eat for almost three days."

"There is food to be had at the poor commissioners'. Did you know that fact?"

The man did not answer, and Philip asked him again. The reply came in a tone of bitter emphasis that made the minister start:

"Yes; I knew it! I would starve before I would go to the poor commissioners for food."

"Or steal?" asked Philip gently.

"Yes, or steal. Wouldn't you?"

Philip stared out into the darkness of the court and answered honestly, "I don't know."

There was a short pause. Then he asked:

"Can't you get work?"

It was a hopeless question to put to a man in a town of over 2,000 idle men. The answer was what he knew it would be:

"Work! Can I pick up a bushel of gold in the street out there? Can a man get work where there ain't any?"

"What have you been doing?"

"I was fireman at the Lake mills. Good job; lost it when they closed down last winter."

"What have you been doing since?"

"Anything I could get."

"Are you a married man?"

The question affected the other strangely. He trembled all over, put his head between his knees, and out of his heart's anguish flowed the words: "I had a wife. She's dead—of consumption. I had a little girl. She's dead too. Thank God!" exclaimed the man, with a change from a sob to a curse. "Thank God! And curses on all rich men who had it in their power to prevent the hell on earth for other people, and which they will feel for themselves in the other world!"

Philip did not say anything for some time. What could any man say to another at once under such circumstances? Finally he said:

"What will you do with money if I give you some?"

"I don't want your money," replied the man.

"I thought you did a little while ago."

"It was the mill owner's money I wanted. You're the preacher, ain't you, up at Calvary church?"

"Yes. How did you know?"

"I've seen you; heard you preach once. I never thought I should come to this—holding up a preacher down here!" And the man laughed a hard, short laugh.

"Then you're not"— Philip hardly knew how to say it. He wanted to say that the man was not connected in any way with the saloon element. "You're driven to this desperate course on your own account? The reason I ask is because I have been threatened by the whisky men, and at first I supposed you were one of their men."

"No, sir," was the answer, almost in disgust. "I may be pretty bad, but I've not got so low as that."

"Then your only motive was hunger?"

"That was all. Enough, ain't it?"

"We can't discuss the matter here," said Philip. He hesitated, rose and stood there looking at the man, who sat now with his head resting on his arms, which were folded across his knees. Two or three persons came out of a street near by and walked past. Philip knew them and said good evening. They thought he was helping some drunken man, a thing he had often done, and they went along without stopping. Again the street was deserted.

"What will you do now? Where will you go?"

"God knows. I am an outcast on his earth!"

"Have you no home?"

"Home! Yes; the gutter, the street, the bottom of the river."

"My brother!" Philip laid his hand on the man's shoulder. "Come home with me, have something to eat, and stay with me for awhile."

It was all said so calmly, so lovingly, so honestly, that the man softened under it. A tear rolled over his cheek. He brushed his hand over his eyes. It had been a long time since any one had called him "brother."

"Come!" Philip reached out his hand and helped him to rise. The man staggered and might have fallen if Philip had not supported him. "I am faint and dizzy," he said.

"Courage, man! My home is not far off. We shall soon be there." His companion was silent. As they came up to the door Philip said, "I haven't asked your name, but it might save a little awkwardness if I knew it."

"William ——." Philip did not hear the last name. It was spoken in such a low voice.

Mrs. Strong at once set food upon the table, and then she and Philip with true delicacy busied themselves in another room so as not to watch the hungry man while he ate. When he had satisfied his hunger, Philip showed him the little room where the "Brother Man" had staid one night.

"You may make it your own as long as you will," Philip said. "You may look upon it as simply a part of what has been given us to be used for the Father's children."

The man seemed dazed by the result of his encounter with the preacher. He murmured something about thanks. He was evidently very much worn, and the excitement of the evening had given place to an appearance of dejection that alarmed Philip. After a few words he went out and left the man, who said that he felt very drowsy.

"I believe he is going to have a fever or something," Mr. Strong said to his wife as he joined her in the other room. He related his meeting with the man, making very light of the attack and indeed excusing it on the ground of his desperate condition.

His fear was realized. The next morning he found his lodger in the clutch of fever. Before night he was delirious. The doctor came and pronounced him dangerously ill. And Philip, with the burden of his work weighing heavier on him every moment, took up this additional load and prayed his Lord to give him strength to carry it and save another soul.

It was at the time of this event in Mr. Strong's life that another occurred which had its special bearing upon the crisis of all his life.

The church was dear to his thought, loved by him with a love that only very few of the members understood. In spite of his apparent failure to rouse them to a conception of their duty as he saw it, he was confident that the spirit of God would accomplish the miracle which he could not do. Then there were those in Calvary church who sympathized heartily with him and were ready to follow his leadership.

So he began to plan for a series of Sunday night services different from anything Milton had ever known. His life in the tenement district and his growing knowledge of the labor world had convinced him of the fact that the church was missing its opportunity in not grappling with the problem as it existed in Milton. It seemed to him that the first step to a successful solution of that problem was for the church and the workingman to get together upon some common platform for a better understanding. He accordingly planned for a series of Sunday night services, in which his one great purpose was to unite the church and the labor unions in a scheme of mutual helpfulness. His plan was very simple. He invited into the meeting one or two thoughtful leaders of the mill men and asked them to state in the plainest terms the exact condition of affairs in the labor world from their standpoint. Then he, for the church, took up their statements, their complaints or the reasons for their differences with capital and answered them from the Christian standpoint—what would Christ advise under the circumstances? He had different subjects presented on different evenings. One night it was reasons why the mill men were not in the church. Another night it was the demand of men for better houses and how to get them. Another night it was the subject of strikes and the attitude of Christ on wages and the relative value of the wage earners' product and the capitalists' intelligence. At each meeting he allowed one or two of the invited leaders to take the platform and say very plainly what to his mind was the cause and what the remedy for the poverty and crime and suffering of the world. Then he closed the evening's discussion by a calm, clear statement of what was to him the direct application of Jesus' teaching to the point at issue.

CHAPTER XX.

We cannot do better than give the evening paper account of the last service in the series. With one or two slight exaggerations the account was a faithful picture of one of the most remarkable meetings ever held in Milton:

"Last night, it will be safe to say, those who were fortunate enough to secure standing room in Rev. Philip Strong's church heard and saw things that no other church in this town ever witnessed.

"In the first place, it was a most astonishing crowd of people. Several of the church members were present but they were in the minority. The mill men swarmed in and took possession. It is not exactly correct to say that they lounged on the easy cushioned pews of the Calvary church, for there was not room enough to lounge, but they filled up the sanctuary and seemed to enjoy the comfortable luxury of it.

"The subject of the evening was 'Wealth,' and the president of the trades assembly of Milton made a statement of the view which workingmen in general have of wealth as related to labor of hand or brain. He stated what to his mind was the reason for the discontent of so many at the sight of great numbers of rich men in times of suffering or sickness or lack of work. 'Why, just look at the condition of things here and in every large city all over the world,' he said. 'Men are suffering from the lack of common necessaries, while men of means with money in the bank continue to live just as luxuriously and spend just as much as they ever did for things not needful for happiness. It has been in the power of men of wealth in Milton to prevent almost if not all of the suffering here last winter and spring. It has been in their power to see that the tenements were better built and arranged for health and decency. It has been in their power to do a thousand things that money, and money alone, can do, and I believe they will be held to account for not doing some of those things.'

"At this point some one in the gallery shouted out, 'Hang the aristocrats!' Instantly Rev. Mr. Strong rose and stepped to the front of the platform. Raising his long, sinewy arm and stretching out his open hand in appeal, he said, while the great audience

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Announcements.

MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

Hon Joseph C. Sibley announces that pursuant to the call of friends in the various counties in the 27th district, he will be a candidate for Congress on the Republican ticket, subject to the decision of the primaries to be held on April 7.
Franklin, Pa., Feb. 6, 1900.

STATE SENATOR.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for State Senator subject to the rules governing the Republican primaries.
MYRON MATSON.
Bradford, Pa., Feb. 9, 1900.

MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce me as a candidate for Member of Assembly, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.
THOS. F. RICHMOND.
Smethport, Pa., Feb. 6, 1900.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce that I am a candidate for the State Assembly subject to the decision of the Republican primaries of McKean county.
M. H. HOUGHTON.
Bradford, Pa., Feb. 9, 1900.

NATIONAL DELEGATE.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for delegate to the National Convention, subject to the rules governing the Republican primaries.
JAMES A. MCKEAN.
Smethport, Pa., Jan. 30, 1900.

STATE DELEGATE.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce my candidacy for delegate to the State Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican party of McKean county at the primaries.
DAVID HOWELLS.
Kane, Pa., Jan. 30, 1900.

EDITOR MINER:—You are hereby authorized to announce my name as a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention, subject to the rules governing the Republican primaries.
CHAS. A. DUKE.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce my name as a candidate for delegate to the Republican State Convention, subject to the decision of the Republican primaries of McKean county.
J. M. MCELROY,
Bradford, Jan. 29, 1900.

JURY COMMISSIONER.

EDITOR MINER:—Please announce me as a candidate for Jury Commissioner subject to the decision of the Republican primaries.
WALTER OSTRANDER.
Port Allegany, Feb. 12, 1900.

THE coal miners' scale has been adjusted. They receive an advance of 14 cents per ton, or a fraction over 21 per cent, more than last year.

GOV. ROOSEVELT of New York has given out the statement that he will not under any circumstances accept the nomination for vice president.

SENATOR WOLCOTT of Colorado has given up hope for success of the sixteen-to-one or the free-silver policy. This is another blow to Bryanism.

H. C. FRICK is about to enter suit against Andrew Carnegie and the Carnegie company for $21,000,000, Mr. Frick's alleged interest in this mammoth concern.

Senator Penrose has introduced a bill in the senate requesting the President to detail naval vessels to preserve neutrality and protect our commercial rights in South Africa.

GOVERNOR TAYLOR of Kentucky has decided not to sign the Louisville agreement and now the question of who is legally governor of Kentucky will be decided in court.

AFTER seven and a half hours of deliberation the jury rendered a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree against Roland B. Molineux for the murder of Mrs. Catherine J. Adams by poison on Dec. 28, 1898. This has been one of the most celebrated murder cases ever tried in New York.

SAMUEL R. MARKLEY, Joseph Hogan and Frank Taylor alias Pierce, were sentenced on Saturday to imprisonment for two years in the Eastern penitentiary and to pay a fine of $500 each. These men were election officers in the twelfth division of the fifth ward in Philadelphia and were convicted of ballot box stuffing and making fraudulent returns. Such sentences should act as a warning to others likewise inclined.

ACCORDING to the Philadelphia North American England has been thrown into excitement by the discovery, made a few days ago, through the agency of British secret service men, that a compact and extensive organization of Irishmen has been effected, with headquarters in that city, and having branches all over the world, for the sole purpose of at last obtaining freedom for Ireland and the Irish race, and using every possible means to bring that end about.

WALTER OSTRANDER announces himself as a candidate for Jury Commissioner subject to Republican usages. Mr. Ostrander was born and has always resided in Liberty township, this county, and comes from a family whose Republicanism has never been questioned. He is a gentleman of good judgment, perfect integrity and has filled this office for the past two terms in a way that is a credit to the people and a vast help to the courts. Mr. Ostrander is deservedly popular and will receive a large vote at the primaries.

As announced by the Herald last Sunday the MCKEAN MINER has changed ownership. Burt Olson stepped down and out and Harry Backus, who has been foreman of the paper for many years is the owner. The policy of the paper will be in accord with that of the Stalwart Republicans who control the machine. The success of the venture under these conditions is assured. Backus has a soft snap.

The above sour grape compliment appeared in last Sunday's Bradford Herald. For the benefit of the Herald and all others whom it may concern, we will say that the policy of the MINER will be in accord with the Republican party whether it be the "Stalwarts" or the "Antis."

MYRON MATSON of Bradford is announced at the head of these columns as a candidate for State Senator on the Republican ticket. For the past 20 years Mr. Matson has been a resident of this county and has been extensively engaged in the production of oil. He is well acquainted throughout the county, always an enthusiastic party worker, loyally supporting the nominees, and has made an excellent record as Republican chairman of the county. Last fall while chairman he personally visited 38 districts in the county and the November results showed the effects of his popularity. Mr. Matson is sure to receive the endorsement of McKean county at the primaries April 7.

M. H. HOUGHTON of Bradford announces, in the proper place in this paper, his candidacy for Member of Assembly subject to the decision of the Republican primaries. Mr. Houghton has resided in Bradford for about nine years and during that time has made himself popular with all whom he has become acquainted. He has been prominently identified with the best interests of the county, and a year ago was a strong candidate on the Republican ticket for mayor of Bradford. He is a man of excellent address, a forcible speaker on topics of the day, is an energetic party worker and a man who will, if nominated and elected, ably represent this county in the legislature.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12, 1900.

President McKinley and Secretary Hay are not more egotistical than other men, but they would be more than human if they did not enjoy the rapidity with which the Nicaragua Canal treaty is gaining supporters, as its foresight and wisdom is being recognized. Last week when the treaty was first sent to the Senate, there was an outcry against it, because it provided for the neutrality of the Canal and pledged the government not to fortify either end of it. The lobbyists who for one reason or another are opposed to the construction of the Nicaragua Canal, saw their opportunity and made the most of it, and for several days it really looked as though they would create a sentiment against the treaty that might jeopardize its ratification by the Senate. With a few honorable exceptions, the Democratic Senators, who are wildly hunting for campaign material, have been and are acting as allies of the lobbyists, although themselves claiming to favor the construction of the canal. It now seems reasonably certain that the treaty will be ratified with votes to spare. In agreeing to making the canal neutral, the treaty advertises the fact that the United States aims to be the greatest commercial nation in the world, rather than a military bully among the nations, and that advertisement will add millions to our foreign commerce. President McKinley and Secretary Hay in negotiating that treaty recognized the fact that the United States has a navy, and will always have one, strong enough to meet any enemies it may have, and that much more would be gained by assuring the world of the neutrality of the canal than could possibly be gained by fortifying it and reserving the right to close it against the ships of any nation with which we might be at war. In making the canal neutral, it will be under the joint protection of every maritime power in the world—that protection will be assured by a formal treaty later—and its safety from attack from any country with which we might be at war, made certain. If we reserved the right to close the canal to enemies, we should have to assert that right by force, which would be more costly than beneficial, from any point of view.

Senator elect Bard of California is not widely known in Congress, outside of the California delegation, but Senator Perkins, whose judgment is relied upon by all who know him, says he has known Senator Bard for more than a quarter of a century, and that his solid qualities will make him a decided acquisition to the Senate.

Judge J. T. McDonald of Salt Lake City, now in Washington, said of the effects in Utah of the shutting of Roberts out of the House: "I think that in the future no polygamist will be elected to any federal office, and I doubt if any polygamist will be elected to any office. The decision of the House was an earnest showing of the sentiment of the country and the conviction of the government. I do not think there will be any more bucking against it."

Hon. Thomas B. Reed said a few years ago that this was a billion dollar country. To day it can be truthfully said that this is a two billion dollar country. Last year the foreign commerce of the United States exceeded two billion dollars in value, and the official treasury figures for the first week in February 1900, show that for the first time in our history, the amount of money in circulation in the country, exceeds two billion dollars. It will not be forgotten when the time comes for the people to vote again, in a national election, that it was a Republican administration and a Republican Congress that first made it necessary to use ten figures to show the business condition of this, the most prosperous country on earth. This is a two billion dollar country. Impress that colossal fact upon your mind.

Chairman Payne of the House ways and means committee, gave notice in presenting the majority report in favor of the Porto Rico tariff bill that the measure would be called up in the House on the 15th inst. The report claims that the quantity of Porto Rican sugar and tobacco sent to the U. S., about four million pounds of tobacco, and about 45,000 tons of sugar, is not large enough to affect prices, and that there is no good ground for the opposition to allowing the Porto Rican products to come in for 25 per cent of the duty upon similar foreign products. The bill provides that all collections in the islands, both from duties and other sources, as well as the duties collected on Porto Rican products in the U. S., shall be used for the benefit of the islands.

Mr. Bryan came to Washington to seek some consolation from his followers in Congress for the frigid reception given him by the Democrats of New York city and New Jersey last week. He allowed it to become known that he is very distrustful of Tammany, fearing that under the guise of friendship, the Croker men are preparing to attempt to betray him in the National Convention.

Why He is a Republican.

The Bradford Era gives the following good reasons why Hon. J. C. Sibley is a Republican:

Mr. Sibley is an optimist.

He sees prosperity under existing political conditions and is content.

He is not afraid to express his honest convictions that Bryanism, repudiation and free silver are dead issues.

He does not see in "the whirling wheels of industry" evidences of national ruin as Bryan does.

He believes in upholding the flag wherever it may be unfurled.

He is loyal to the United States government in its Philippine policy.

He is an American, not a partisan.

Having been convinced of the errors of latter day Democracy, he has severed his connection with the party.

He is fulfilling his pledges made when he was a candidate for the first time in this district, by acting for the whole people instead of for any certain political sect or faction.

"I think I would go crazy with pain were it not for Chamberlain's Pain Balm," writes Mr. W. H. Stapleton, Hermanie, Pa. "I have been afflicted with rheumatism for several years and have tried remedies without number, but Pain Balm is the best medicine I have got hold of." One application relieves the pain. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

Lincoln.

Philadelphia North American.

While it is true, as Emerson says, that "the world needs every man a little and no man very much," there are certain great crises in the world's history when the man and the hour meet and the history of a great epoch is made. Men appear, are dominant above their fellows, strut their brief time upon the larger stage of the world's affairs, disappear and are speedily forgotten, but once or twice in a century there appears one who is so pre-eminent in service to his kind that he becomes a type and takes his place among the few immortals. Of the many millions who have lived and wrought since the dawn of history but a few have escaped the oblivion which covers as kindly the faults as the virtues of the dead. But Lincoln's name will, with Washington's, remain as long as history shall endure. The world may continue to speculate as to the effect upon his fame had he escaped martyrdom, and whether he would have failed in the trying period of reconstruction, but to borrow a sentence from his deathless Gettysburg address, "the world will little note or long remember what we say," with reference to these things. In the hearts of his countrymen and in the judgment of the world his work has been accepted as well worthy to be placed beside the heroic tasks of mankind's greatest in their struggles for religious and civil liberty.

Under the leadings of that Providence which guides the affairs of men, often by a way that they would not, it fell to the lot of Abraham Lincoln to strike the shackles from the slave and make America forever free. In that epoch, which bred many able and patriotic men, Lincoln's name easily leads. Calm in the face of disaster, chastened in the hour of victory, profoundly impressed at all times with the magnitude of the work laid upon him, relying upon that higher arm to which the thoughtful and sincere man must always cling, keeping close ever to the common people, in whom he recognized the saving grace of the nation, he never for a moment faltered nor for an instant lost faith in the ultimate success of the republic. When other men were truckling with expediency and statesmen were clamoring for compromise and holding back in terror from the frightful calamity which seemed to have overtaken the the country, Lincoln's sane mind remained steadfast in its purpose, and he had but one resolve. Execrated by a large part of his countrymen, his fitness and sincerity questioned by many who shared in his desire to save the Union, his courage did not abate nor was his hand stayed. And in the end, while like Moses he was not permitted to enter the promised land, he was given a vision of what was in store for his country as the result of the long and bitter strife. But he could not foresee that his fame would grow in brightness and his name become inseparably linked with that of Washington, and that so long as the American republic lives his memory will be honored.

J. K. Hogarth & Co. guarantee every bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and will refund the money to anyone who is not satisfied after using two-thirds of the contents. This is the best remedy in the world for la grippe, coughs, colds, and whooping cough and is pleasant and safe to take. It prevents any tendency of a cold to result in pneumonia.

Send to us for "TRUTHS ABOUT HAMMAR PAINT" tells you all about how to paint your own house. HOLMES & GILFILLAN.

New Goods
AND
New Prices.

Just rec'd a quantity of white & fancy patterns in Table Oil Cloth. Price is 20 and 24c yd, also floor oil cloth at 36c sq. yd. Men's Dress Suspenders 10 & 20c pair, xtra heavy work 24c. Men's light weight sox 5 & 6c pair, chois fine black sox 10c pair, fancy dress sox 25c. These all are bargains; also a new line of shirts and ties. Cotton work shirts 25 and 30c, best extra heavy double front and back 48c. All you laboring men ought to see our heavy long legged top'd work shoe; it is just the shoe you all need for muddy, wet weather, it laces nearly to the knees and is made for service, we do not ask you $6.00 either. We have slashed the price down to $2.85 & $3.45. We also keep other work and dress shoes for men and children. We have a kangaroo shoe for farmers' wives and daughters made for work and will stand mud and water. Soles well nailed and clinched. Remember we cut prices and sell closte for CASH. These are all new, fresh stock and guaranteed.

We wish again to call your attention to our xtra low prices on **GROCERIES**. Have you stop'd to consider what cash has done on these goods for you. We are and have been selling the best pure ass'd flavors Jelly in good glass tumblers for 5c, these goods are and have always been retailed at 10c. Don't be fool'd by the smooth words of the 100 per centers telling you about trash, etc. We defy any of them to show up bills or goods with us. The secret is they have not the nerve or courage to slash down the prices low as we. Just think, we sell the best boneless Pork at 8c lb, Hams at 9 and 11c lb, Bacon the very best at 9c lb. 5 lbs Oat Flake 25c. Owl brand Corn Starch 5c lb. Best spring leaf Japan Tea 40c lb; this is the Tea that you generally pay 60c for. TRY IT. 7 cakes Oak Leaf Soap 25c, (4 lbs crackers 25c Soda and Oyster), butter Crackers 8c. Buckwheat Flour 3c lb. Canned Tomatoes, Beans, Corn, etc. 9c can, 3 for 25c. Early June Peas 7c can. Nutmegs 5c oz. French's Pure ¼lb spices 8c pkg. Granulated Sugar 5½c, Brown Sugar 5c lb. Save your money and pay cash. Don't be slave to [illegible] business but be your own master. New goods every day. Prices are climbing higher, buy your dishes now & save money. When this immense lot is gone you will have to pay much more for the new lot. Just received 100 lbs as fine Peanuts as you ever saw; this is the last lot you will buy at 5c qt. for some time. We must advance our price as others do on us. We cannot always sell you goods at or below cost.

Best English walnuts 16c lb. [illegible] 12c. Another new fresh lot of [illegible] common mix'd 10c lb. [illegible] Sticks 12c. 4 pails best Bonbon high grade Chocolate Creams 20c lb this usually sells at 30 & 40c. A fair honest profit is all we want. Do you need 8 day Strike Clocks if so why pay $3 & $4.00? Ours are the best makes and are guaranted. Our price is $2.75. Calendar 8 day $2.25. Small Alarm Clock 85c. Same goods you always paid $1.00 & $1.25 for.

Remember that we do not trust. That we have no bad debts to charge extra for. That we do not have to charge people two prices to make both ends meet but that we have a department store or many stores combined & that it cost no more to run a store of this kind than it does these one line stores.

We have 25 & 55c Pocket Knives that we guarantee quality and will replace or refund cash, if not satisfactory. Best steel nickl'd and hand forged Shears 65c, others as low as 5c. Dash board lanterns 65c. 100 piece dec. dinner set fine imported $10.25 to $11.00. We have fancy enamel'd Iron Beds, Fancy Couches, Kitchen & Dining Room Chairs also Children's Nursery and High Chairs, Sewing Rockers, Mattresses, Spring Beds, Xtension Tables.

It will pay you to save your cash and trade with us. This trust is a poor business for both sides. It gives the rascal a chance to live without work.

A. E. STICKLES,
Sprague Block. Smethport.

Olean's Big Store.
HEADQUARTERS FOR CARPETS.

CARPETS ARE CHEAP.

We are making plans for a large spring trade. We have bought over 300 rolls of new goods and own them as low as any house in the country. We are making a special bid for Smethport and near-by trade, for 3 reasons: 1st. It's cash trade. 2nd. To advertise our store. 3rd. To help us handle the large quantity of goods and get the lowest prices. Our

FIRST LEADER 15 beautiful designs Wilton Velvets, all new colors, with or without borders at 90c yard, SEWED AND DELIVERED.

SECOND LEADER 15 patterns in rich Axminsters at $1 a yard, reds, blues, greens, browns, &c. Sewed and delivered.

THIRD LEADER 20 patterns in heavy plush carpets, with handsome borders. The newest colors and designs at $1.10 and $1.25.

FOURTH SPECIAL. 11 patterns in Wilton carpets at $1.60. These are fine goods and are the newest goods.

A large line of cheaper goods: Ingrains 30c, 35c, 39c, 45c, 50c to 75c. 10 patterns in All Wools 45c. Tapestry brussels at 50c, 60c, 70c and 75c. 50 patterns in rugs (9x12 feet) in Jute, Smyrna, Axminsters, Wilton, Brussels, &c. Everything you would expect to find in an up-to-date carpet and drapery stock at lowest prices. Correspondence solicited.

On $20 purchase or over we allow railroad fare one way.

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Blankets and Robes.

The season for Blankets and Robes is here and at this store you can always find

Just What You Want.

Full line of Trunks, Telescopes, Suit Cases, Traveling Bags, etc. at popular prices. Harness. All the latest styles in single or double, light and heavy harness.

Chas. Lemmler,
Smethport, Pa.

EMIL THAMM,
MANUFACTURER OF
Fine Cigars.
Wholesale and Retail Dealer.

INSURANCE.
Life, Fire and Accident
written by
W. F. SPECHT,
SMETHPORT, PA.
in good reliable companies

Coleman & Bell,
Sanitary Plumbers.

All work promptly attended to and satisfaction guaranteed. Gas, steam and water fitting.

Estimates furnished on plumbing and tin work.

Incandescent lights and fixtures.

Basement Chadwick Bl'k. Smethport.

How About That Plumbing Job?
BE SURE TO CONSULT
PALMER & STRONG
Plumbers, Gas and Steam Fitters.
Welsbach Lamps and Supplies,
Chandeliers and Fixtures.
Basement Reilly Block. - SMETHPORT.
Thoroughly Experienced. All Work Guaranteed.

WE SELL DINNER SETS BY THE PIECE.

Many of our best dinner sets are now purchased in "open stock" patterns for the convenience of those who wish to buy in installments.

You can get one piece or a dozen, and match them at any time. Many of our customers are doing this, and they are gradually completing sets better than they might ever have afforded otherwise. Sets at all prices in this way.

We carry one hundred styles of dinner sets, all sold under warrant not to craze. All Haviland's latest styles are here. All imported china comes to us direct from the makers. In this way we save a large percentage for you.

Dinner Sets from $6.75 to $250.

Housekeepers' Helps.

There is everything here that can help a housekeeper perhaps a hundred helpful articles that you know nothing about.

The Universal Food Chopper is one—$1.75. It chops all kinds of meat, vegetables or fruit, fine or coarse, without mashing. It does in a minute the work of half an hour with chopping knife and bowl.

Four kinds of enameled ware—Aluminum ware. Every convenience on the market.

Reliable Gas Ranges.

There is no other gas range that even compares with the Reliable. Come and we will show you twenty points in which it excells all others.

We know this range because we have sold it for years—sold hundreds of them. There has never yet been the least complaint on one.

It excells in economy, in convenience, in baking qualities. It is superior at every point which wise buyers consider. We cannot tell you here what we can show you when you come. We can only invite you on the promise that you will be glad you came.

Forty-five styles from $13.50 up.

L. EMERY, JR., & CO.,
Emery & Weaver. BRADFORD, PA.

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at store of
D. C. YOUNG.

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FOR MID-WINTER TRADE.

Please call and examine same, also note reduction in prices of many things preparatory to taking an inventory of stock. . . .

D. C. YOUNG.
SMETHPORT, PA.

Dec. 26, 1899.

BLIND.

What a horrible sensation you experienced when you looked upon that unfortunate man and realized his deplorable condition. Ever thought of yourself thought that by your persistent carelessness you might some day have the same affliction? Unless by accident, blindness always comes one way—by NEGLECT. Eyes become weak; you strain them. They become weaker; you continue your carelessness; at last it is too late, your case is hopeless—no help—no cure. Come in to-day. We'll examine your eyes and tell you just what is needed FREE of charge. Then if you like will supply you.

Chas. H. Robie,
Leading Optician and Jeweler.
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Spring is Drawing Near

Watch this space for a list of
PATENT MEDICINES
NEXT WEEK.

Hogarth & Co.

STATEMENT
OF THE
Finances of McKean County
FOR THE
Fiscal Year Ending January 1, 1900.

JNO. W. CAMPBELL, Treasurer of McKean county, in account with the different funds of said county, for said year.

COUNTY FUNDS.

	Dr.	
To amount due last auditors' report	$312[illegible] 33	
To 1-5 of liquor license received	3140 00	
To unseated taxes collected	8069 63	
To seated taxes collected	31848 84	
To miscellaneous county receipts	603 61	
To amount received from J. F. Davis, Sheriff, Com'lth costs	314 25	
To amount received from J. F. Davis, Sheriff, fines	10 00	
To amount received from J. F. Davis, Sheriff, Q. S. jury fees	43 34	
To amount received from J. F. Davis, Sheriff, C. Pleas fees	44 00	
To amount state taxes received	[illegible]	84222 90
	Cr.	
By county orders paid and canceled	[illegible]	
By amt paid county teachers' institute expense	200 00	
By Treas.' commissions on $37,020.57 at 2½ per cent.	[illegible]	
By balance due fund	[illegible]	84222 90

POOR FUND.

	Dr.	
To balance due fund last auditors' report	[illegible]	
To miscellaneous poor receipts	[illegible]	
To unseated taxes collected	4738 04	
To seated taxes collected	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Cr.	
By poor orders paid and canceled	[illegible]	
By commissions on $21,546.50 at 2½ per cent.	[illegible]	
By balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

DOG FUND.

	Dr.	
To balance due last auditors' report	[illegible]	
To dog taxes collected	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Cr.	
By sheep orders paid and canceled	[illegible]	
By Treas.' commissions on $2,050.80 at 2½ per cent.	51 27	
By balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

BRIDGE BOND FUND.

	Dr.	
To balance due last auditors' report	[illegible]	
To unseated taxes collected	[illegible]	
To seated taxes collected	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Cr.	
By bridge bonds paid and canceled	[illegible]	
By interest paid on bonds	[illegible]	
By Treas.' commissions on [illegible]	[illegible]	
By balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

BICYCLE FUND.

	Dr.	
To bicycle tax collected	547 77	547 77
	Cr.	
By Treas.' commissions on $547.77 at 2½ per cent.	[illegible]	
By balance due fund	[illegible]	547 77

REDEMPTION FUND.

	Dr.	
To balance due last auditors' report	[illegible]	
To redemption money received	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Cr.	
By redemption orders paid	[illegible]	
By balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

ALIEN TAX FUND.

	Dr.	
To balance due last auditors' report	[illegible]	[illegible]
	Cr.	
By balance due fund	[illegible]	[illegible]

J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff of McKean county, in account with said county for the fiscal year ending January 1st, 1900.

J. F. DAVIS, Sheriff.

	Dr.	
To amount received [illegible]	[illegible]	
To amount fines collected during the year 1899	[illegible]	
To amount Com'l costs collected during the year 1899	[illegible]	
To amount Quarter Sessions jury fees transferred and collected	[illegible]	
To amount Quarter Sessions jury fees nol prossed and collected	30 00	
To amount Common Pleas jury fees collected	44 00	
To amount one year's wages of turnkey at $40 00 per mo.	480 00	
To balance	[illegible]	3181 05
	Cr.	
By balance due last auditors' report	[illegible]	
By serving summons on jury com'rs to appear before auditors	[illegible]	
By election proclamation for general election	[illegible]	
By making report to State Board of Public Charities	[illegible]	
By publishing election proclamation	[illegible]	
By check to Jno. W. Campbell, Treas., for fines, costs and jury fees collected during 1899	[illegible]	
By 3 per cent. com. on $10.00 fines collected	[illegible]	
By taking prisoners to penitentiary for 1899	[illegible]	
By drawing and summoning jurors for 1899	[illegible]	
By board of prisoners to date	[illegible]	3181 05

E. R. SHERMAN, Coroner of McKean county, in account with the said county, for the year ending Jan. 1st, 1900.

E. R. SHERMAN, Coroner.

	Dr.	
To amount of orders drawn during 1899	[illegible]	
To balance due coroner Jan. 1st, 1900	[illegible]	423 57
	Cr.	
By balance due last auditors' report	43 54	
By inquests, mileage and jury fees	380 03	423 57

W. A. YOUNG, T. F. HUNGIVILLE and LEMUEL DAVIS, Commissioners of McKean county, in account with the said county for the fiscal year ending January 1st, 1900.

W. A. YOUNG.

	Dr.	
To orders drawn during 1899	133 96	
To amt surcharge for 1897	76 77	
To amt surcharge for 1898	97 05	
To balance due Young to Jan. 1st, 1900	841 47	1149 25
	Cr.	
By balance due on 1898	122 00	
By 293 days as Comr. at $3.50 per day	1027 25	1149 25

T. F. HUNGIVILLE.

	Dr.	
To orders drawn during 1899	1325 20	
To amt surcharge for 1897	[illegible]	
To amt surcharge for 1898	47 25	1421 83
	Cr.	
By balance due on 1898	490 83	
By 266 days as Comr. at $3.50 per day	931 00	1421 83

LEMUEL DAVIS.

	Dr.	
To orders drawn during 1899	993 10	
To amt surcharge for 1897	42 65	
To amt surcharge for 1898	11 25	1047 00
	Cr.	
By 281 days as Comr. at $3.50 per day	983 50	
By balance due on 1898	63 50	1047 00

STATEMENT showing the amount of County, State, Bridge Bond, Poor, Dog and Bicycle taxes [illegible] for the year 1899 [illegible] commissions and exonerations.

DISTRICTS.	STATE. Am't chgd.	STATE. Am't rec'd.	STATE. Am't due.	COUNTY. Am't chgd.	COUNTY. Am't rec'd.	COUNTY. Am't due.	BICYCLE. Am't chgd.	BICYCLE. Am't rec'd.	BICYCLE. Am't due.
Annin Township	$ 31 31	$ 31 87	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		$ 36 00
Bradford	138 50	111 18	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	47 00	67 00
Bradford City, 1st W.	790 54	479 02	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	89 00
2d	814 00	425 38	387 71	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	267 00
3d	414 31	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	119 00
4th	782 91	542 08	240 25	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	237 00
5th	26 28	9 18	17 11	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	104 00
6th	193 16	148 83	41 47	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	135 00
Ceres Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	21 00
Corydon	1 64	1 64		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	29 00
Eldred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		65 00
Eldred Borough	202 45	197 54	4 91	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		89 00
Foster Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	107 00
Hamlin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	132 00
Hamilton	112 62	83 38	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	42 00
Keating	218 23	200 00	18 23	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	55 00
Kane Borough, 1st W.	[illegible]	97 07	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	19 00
2d	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	53 00
3d	180 93	170 02	10 91	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	50 00
4th	27 12	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	32 00
Lafayette Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	21 00
Liberty	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	38 00
Mt. Jewett Borough	38 99	32 91	6 08	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	40 00
Norwich Township	[illegible]	52 06	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		53 00
Otto	208 17	199 50	8 67	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		26 00
Port Allegany Boro	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	35 00	88 00
Smethport Borough	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	40 00	81 00
Sergeant Township	[illegible]	[illegible]		[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]		39 00
Wetmore	[illegible]	46 09	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	56 00	5 00	51 00
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	2157 00

AMOUNT of seated and unseated taxes collected by County Treasurer during 1899 due from former years.

DISTRICTS.	STATE. Rec'd.	COUNTY. Rec'd.	BRIDGE B. Rec'd.	POOR. Rec'd.	DOG. Rec'd.
Annin Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bradford	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Bradford City, 1st W.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
2d	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3d	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
4th	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
5th	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
6th	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Ceres Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Corydon	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eldred	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eldred Borough	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Foster Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hamlin	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Hamilton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Keating	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Kane Borough, 1st W.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
2d	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
3d	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
4th	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lafayette Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Liberty	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mt. Jewett Borough	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Norwich Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Otto	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Port Allegany Boro	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Smethport Borough	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sergeant Township	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Wetmore	3 31	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

RECEIPTS OF McKEAN COUNTY.

To amount in Treas. Jan. 1st, 1899	[illegible]	
To amount liquor license received	[illegible]	
To amount unseated taxes received	[illegible]	
To amount seated taxes received	[illegible]	
To amount received by Co. Comrs from various sources	[illegible]	
To amount received from J. F. Davis, Sheriff	[illegible]	
To amount received from state taxes	[illegible]	
To amount in Treas. bridge bond fund Jan. 1st, 1899	[illegible]	
To amount of bridge bond taxes collected	[illegible]	
To amount in Treas. alien fund Jan. 1st, 1899	[illegible]	[illegible]

EXPENDITURES OF McKEAN COUNTY.

Paid W. A. Young, Comr.	[illegible]
" Lemuel Davis, "	[illegible]
" T. F. Hungiville, Comr.	[illegible]
" C. D. Weaver, Commissioners' Clerk	[illegible]
Paid Assistant Comrs.' clerks	611 00
" T. F. Richmond, Comrs.' solicitor	[illegible]
Paid Prothonotary's fees	613 37
" traveling expenses	[illegible]
" J. F. Davis, Sheriff	[illegible]
" state taxes	[illegible]
" County Auditors	[illegible]
" Jury Comrs. and clerk	[illegible]
" H. Breece, turnkey	[illegible]
" S. G. Rush, janitor	[illegible]
" miscellaneous	[illegible]
" autopsy	[illegible]
" quarantine	[illegible]
" fire warden	[illegible]
" Constables' returns	[illegible]
" Justice fees and charged transcripts	[illegible]
Paid stenographer	[illegible]
" Court Criers and Tipstaves	[illegible]
Paid Commonwealth costs	[illegible]
" Penna. Reform School	[illegible]
" Grand Jurors	[illegible]
" Traverse Jurors	[illegible]
" Assessors for assessing	[illegible]
" " registering	[illegible]
" election expenses	[illegible]
" jail expenses	[illegible]
" Western Penitentiary	[illegible]
" publishing and printing	[illegible]
" road views and damages	[illegible]
" freight, telegrams, express and postage	[illegible]
Paid insurance	[illegible]
" fuel and lights	[illegible]
" court house expenses	[illegible]
" inquests	[illegible]

[illegible] DAVIS, County Commissioners, in account with the McKean County Poor District for the fiscal year ending Jan. 1st, 1900.

W. A. YOUNG. [illegible]

T. F. HUNGIVILLE. [illegible]

LEMUEL DAVIS. [illegible]

EXPENDITURES OF McKEAN COUNTY POOR DISTRICT. [illegible]

" furniture	[illegible]	
" physician and medicine	[illegible]	
" medicine and supplies	[illegible]	
" publishing and printing	83 25	
" freight, express, postage and telegrams	[illegible]	
Paid insurance	[illegible]	
" fuel and lights	[illegible]	
" building and improvements	[illegible]	
Paid ordinary repairs	[illegible]	
" books and stationery	[illegible]	
" coffins	[illegible]	
" salary on farm	[illegible]	
" tobacco	[illegible]	
" furnishings	[illegible]	
" blacksmith	155 78	
" miscellaneous	[illegible]	
" Jno. W. Campbell, Treas., commissions	538 66	
Balance in Treas., Jan. 1st, 1900	[illegible]	[illegible]
Less amt between orders issued in [illegible] and paid in 1899 and orders issued in 1899 outstanding	[illegible]	[illegible]

POOR ASSETS.

Amount due from uncollected taxes	[illegible]	
Amount due from Bradford city poor district	[illegible]	
Amount due from sale of cattle and milk	70 20	
Amount due from other counties for paupers	[illegible]	
Amount in Treas., Jan. 1st, 1900	[illegible]	[illegible]

POOR LIABILITIES.

Amount due F. Hatch & Son	[illegible]	
Amt due sundry unpaid bills	200 00	
Amt due Warren asylum, keeping inmates	[illegible]	
Amt assets in excess of liabilities	[illegible]	[illegible]

STATEMENT.

Showing the cost of keeping each inmate per week at the poor house for the fiscal year ending January 1st, 1900.

Total cost of keeping inmates	5651 88	5651 88
Boarding inmates 19,734 days or [illegible] weeks at [illegible] per week	5651 88	5651 88

We, the undersigned Commissioners of McKean county and McKean County Poor District, do hereby certify that the foregoing statement of receipts and expenditures, and statement of assets and liabilities, are correct and true to the best of our knowledge.

A. M. BOARDMAN,
ALBERT PETERSON,
T. F. HUNGIVILLE,
Commissioners of McKean County.

Attest:
S. D. WEAVER, Clerk.

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If prices talk there's a powerful argument for trade, at our store during the present.

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Visit us. You will be surprised at the

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of mind, concerning pictures? You should preserve your present likeness for coming years, if nothing else. The latest and best effects always to be found at "Ike's" studio.

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That need framing? You can find a full assortment of stylish mouldings, &c., of the latest design here. A nice frame beautifies and preserves a picture. Come and look them over.

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SMETHPORT, THURSDAY, FEB. 15, 1900.

Smethport, Pa.

Smethport, McKean county, Penn'a, is located in one of the richest agricultural districts in northwestern Pennsylvania, only 97 miles from Buffalo, N. Y., and 130 miles—air line—from Pittsburg, Pa.

Smethport has four lines of railroad leading direct to all the principal distributing centres, both east and west, and the great lakes.

Cheap fuel of all kinds in abundance.

In the centre of the largest and best natural gas belt in the State.

Cheap fuel oil in vast quantities.

Within six miles of large bituminous coal beds, and, on a direct line of railroad, within 30 miles of the famous Shawmut bituminous coal mines in Elk county.

Endless quantities of the best glass sandstone in the world.

Mountains of shale rock suitable for brick making.

Building stone and flagging in abundance, which can be secured cheaply.

Endless quantities of hardwood lumber, such as beech, maple, birch, elm, ash, etc.

Smethport is the county seat of McKean county, one of the richest counties in the Keystone State, contains a population at the present time of about 2,100, and is growing rapidly, has elegant public buildings; a first-class graded school, city water, natural gas for fuel and lights, four first-class hotels, and the principal industries at the present time are lumbering, two large window glass manufacturing plants, hemlock bark extract works, Backus Safety Check Hook Manufacturing Co.'s plant, with a number of other industries.

Smethport has always been considered one of the healthiest towns in the State. Contagious diseases are strangers to the town. Being located 1440 feet above the sea level the town is singularly exempted from all diseases of a contagious nature. Prospect Hill, one of the most sightly spots in the state, and probably the highest elevated land in Pennsylvania, is only three miles from the business part of the town, which affords a grand view of the finest mountain scenery to be found anywhere in America.

The borough of Smethport is located at the junction of Nunundah and Marvin creek valleys, these streams furnishing an abundance of water for all purposes.

Smethport contains many admirable sites for manufacturing plants of all descriptions.

For further particulars call on or address Smethport Board of Trade, Smethport, Pa.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

—Concert Feb. 23rd.

—Lent begins Feb. 28.

—Read Stickles' ad. It is well worth your perusal.

—H. W. Marcus, the leading dry goods merchant of Olean, is having his store repaired and refitted.

—The windows of Dickenson's store are always artistically decorated. Choice groceries make a tempting display.

—Mrs. C. J. Vaubind, who has been dangerously ill for the several days, is reported improving this morning.

—The people of Mt. Jewett are seriously contemplating putting in a trunk sewer system in that hustling borough.

—After the regular business meeting the P. H. C. gave a necktie party and the gentlemen present were provided an elegant luncheon.

—Seger & Doyle have two pertinent queries in their ad. this week, also some good advice as to what is best in certain cases. Read the ad.

—Special classes will be organized during the spring at the Clarion State Normal school for graduates and others to pursue higher studies.

—Work on H. W. Rubin & Co.'s new store is progressing rapidly. The building will be enclosed in a few days if the favorable weather continues.

—The people of Ormsby have organized a literary society. It is called the Tip Top and meetings will be held every Monday evening at Ormsby hall.

—Hugh McIntyre, proprietor of the Kane House, Kane, and a well-known hotel man, died Tuesday evening from injuries received in a runaway Saturday.

—The citizens of Mt. Jewett are working up a lively fight on local issues just at present. Considerable space in the local papers is taken up in this fight.

—Mrs. Frank Kerns wishes to thank through the MINER, all persons who so generously donated through her solicitation, to the Memorial Home at Brookville.

—Many town people took advantage of Sunday's sunshine to stroll down the P. S. & N. tracks and inspect the steam shovel which is located near the Campbell farm.

—The dance given by the Smethport Athletic association last Thursday evening was a decided success. A neat sum was cleared and all seemed to enjoy themselves.

—Married on Friday last at the court house by Justice B. L. Knapp, Mr. Horace Cleveland and Miss Augusta Nelson, both of Farmers Valley. The groom is 77 years of age.

—Mumps are prevalent among the middle-aged citizens in town. J. A. Yerdon, E. E. Heath, T. J. Young and A. L. Colegrove are confined to the house at the present time.

—The dancing school held by Miss I. D. Burns on Monday evening was quite well attended and Miss Burns is well spoken of by her scholars. Miss Burns will be here again next Monday.

—A. E. Stickles furnished an article on the cash and credit systems which appeared in the February Country Merchant. For good, sound argument backed by facts this article has few equals.

—William Bache, an aged and esteemed citizen of Wellsboro who died recently, left $2,000 to the Episcopal church of that place and gave the Bache auditorium to the borough of Wellsboro.

—The Smethport Athletic association rooms were opened to members last Saturday evening. The rooms are well patronized and all members are taking a great deal of interest in the advancement of the organization.

—Harry W. Harris, who shot and killed his wife in Baltimore last October, was convicted of murder in the second degree a few days ago. Mrs. Harris was well-known in this section and had relatives in this borough.

—"Rafe" Smith, a snapper at the Camp glass works, cut his arm badly with glass last Thursday. It was necessary for a physician to take six stitches to close the wound. The accident will lay Smith off for several weeks.

—Invitations are out for the marriage of Mr. William T. Seger and Miss Lucy M. Backus. The wedding will be solemnized at the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary A. Backus, on Wednesday afternoon, February 21, at 3:30 o'clock.

—Rev. Dr. Walker will preach next Sunday morning on "Spiritual Life in Jesus Christ, or its Antithesis, Spiritual Death, Which Do We Choose"; in the evening, subject, "John and Jesus, the Sons of Elizabeth and Mary; Lessons from Their Work."

—A Glen Hazel special says: Quinn & Sherman's chemical works on Spring creek, about four miles from here, was burned Sunday evening. The building and machinery were valued at $55,000, and had an insurance of $35,000. The works will be rebuilt immediately.

—C. H. Gleason has been appointed agent at Smethport for the Mt. Jewett, Kinzua & Riterville (Kane's) R. R., and is located here. Mr. Gleason says the road is ready to handle freight of any kind and rates and other information can be had by calling on him at the depot.

—In the usual place in this paper will be found the large advertisement of Dickenson's grocery, in which will be found some rare bargains in groceries for next Friday. Mr. Dickenson understands how to conduct a first-class grocery store and is getting a good share of the trade.

—List of letters remaining in the postoffice at Smethport for the week ending Feb. 10, 1900: J. A. Crookston, Jerrie Cummings, H. A. Drake, Wm. J. Maloney, John McDowl 2, John McDoll, Mgr. opera house, George Willey. Persons calling for these letters please say "advertised."

—In speaking of the liquor question in Potter county, the Millport correspondent to the Austin Republican says: "The truth is the illicit sale of liquor is extending throughout our county and will continue to increase as long as lawyers, pig's ear keepers and the W. C. T. U. insist upon maintaining them."

—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Kushequa Window Glass works, held Jan. 22, it was decided to begin operations on a 24-blower tank on April 1 and get ready for the fall fire. Good, steady workers may learn something to their advantage by writing the partnership, as this is to be a co-operative factory.—Mt. Jewett News.

—F. P. Holley has definitely decided to erect a new hotel on the site of the Riddell House. The old, damaged structure will be torn down some time next month. Tenants occupying store rooms have been notified to vacate. Mr. Holley has not yet decided on the style of the new building, but it will be modern in all respects.—Bradford Era.

—Elisha K. Kane went to Farmers Valley on Friday last to arrange the track connections of the Kushequa railroad with the W. N. Y. & P. The plan proposed by the latter road is for a "Y" the extremities of which are sufficiently elongated to afford storage room for empty cars on the southern arm and for loaded cars on the northern arm.—Kane Leader.

—A report has been circulated that in the event of Orlo J. Hamlin's election to the office of burgess he would not qualify. We have it on good authority that if Mr. Hamlin is chosen he will attend to the duties to the best of his ability. Just why such methods in borough politics should be resorted to is more than we can conjecture, as previous to this our borough elections have been cleanly conducted.

—In pursuance of the crusade against the country bands of green-goods swindlers the government is about to send out some anti green goods circulars to counteract the influence of the documents sent out broadcast by the sharpers. They will be posted up in every country postoffice and postmasters everywhere will be instructed to do missionary work of an educational character in this direction.—Ex.

—Parents bearing the name of Burst, residing in Pennsylvania, managed to impose on three of their children these remarkable combinations: Alice May Burst, James Wood Burst and Henry Will Burst. If Henry and Alice were born with a disposition to live up to their names they must be regarded with some trepidation at any social gathering at which they may be present.—Buffalo Commercial.

—The Warner House, a hotel recently built at Rock City, and all of its furnishings, will be sold on a mortgage sale at Rock City on the 15th of this month by Under Sheriff Sigel, to satisfy a mortgage of $1,500 in favor of Herman L. Dotterweich of this city. If Mr. Dotterweich is obliged to bid in the property to protect the claim it is understood that Mr. Cramsie, of Olean, will lease it for hotel purposes.—Olean Times.

—A Carlisle, Pa., dispatch says that William Colombe, an Indian graduate of the Carlisle school and a private in the 4th United States Cavalry now serving in the Philippines, has written a letter to Maj. Bratt, superintendent of the school in which he says: "Gen. Lawton was killed about 20 yards from where I stood firing at a man who was shooting from a tree, and he was the very man who killed the general. I kept shooting until he fell from the tree."

—The more illustrated newspapers there are the more apparent becomes the superiority of The Illustrated Express. It is never content with printing mere pictures. In The Express, the pictures are invariably either artistic in a high degree, and therefore, valuable for their beauty, or they illustrate news matter of present interest. That is why The Illustrated Express is not thrown aside after a hasty glance, as is the case with most of the pictorial Sunday papers.

—Next Sunday, Sexagesima Sunday, at St. Luke's church, there will be the celebration of Holy Communion at 8 a. m.; matins, litany and sermon at 10:30 a. m., subject of sermon, "The Sower, the Seed and the different soils;" Sunday school at noon. Evensong with sermon at 7:30 p. m., subject of sermon, "Christianity vs. the World." At All Saints', East Smethport, services and Sunday school at 3 p. m. The Rev. S. D. Day, rector pro tem, will officiate.

—All people of this county who have formerly been students at the Clarion state normal school will be pleased to note that the normal has arranged for the publication of a school paper. This paper is to be of magazine form and contain about twenty pages to be devoted to literary contributions, news and other matter of interest to all. The subscription price is fifty cents per year, monthly editions. All subscriptions will be gratefully received by F. H. Beyer, Clarion, Pa., a member of the board of editors.

—The county commissioners in several counties are preparing to make effective an act of the last assembly that is expected to save considerable sums to the taxpayers in general. This statute has bearing upon one class of citizens who escape the payment of taxes through "exoneration" and others who are indebted to the counties for divers reasons. The statute authorizes commissioners to withhold fees, mileage and other moneys claimed by any persons indebted to their respective counties for fines, costs, damages or penalties remaining unpaid, and for taxes legally assessed by the proper authorities and not settled.—Renovo Record.

—Mrs. James McKean of this place was taken suddenly and violently ill last Saturday night while visiting her son, D. W. Hubbard, at Newton. The strange affliction caused the lady's face and hands to bloat in an alarming manner. Dr. Humphrey of Mt. Alton and Dr. Clark of Smethport were summoned, and after the patient's condition had become slightly improved she was brought to her home. It was at first thought that Mrs. McKean had been accidentally poisoned, but Dr. Clark upon investigation, declared this was not the case. Under Dr. Clark's skillful treatment the patient improved rapidly and is now nearly as well as ever.

—The artists of the Ithaca Conservatory of Music Concert company, which appears at the M. E. church on the evening of Feb. 23rd, are well received wherever they go. The Syracuse Remarques says of Miss Tompkins, violinist: "Her playing is remarkable and the subject of unstinted praise." The Horner Republican speaks: "Pronounced by many noted musicians as a marvel in her chosen work. Of Miss Van Dusen, elocutionist, the Ithaca Daily News says; "Miss Van Dusen gave several excellent readings. She is a first class elocutionist and her efforts are heartily greeted." Each of the artists are first class. The press glows with their praises.

—A special train over the Shawmut line brought a party of officials from Olean to Bolivar Monday morning. The party included Major John Byrne, president; Hon. F. S. Smith, vice president; W. B. Parsons, consulting engineer; A. G. McComb, chief engineer; M. S. Blair, general superintendent. The purpose of the visit was to have Mr. Parsons inspect the new survey from Bolivar to Friendship and the trip from Bolivar was made in sleighs. The party remained in town only a few minutes. Mr. Parsons stated that the last survey and the one that will probably be settled on for the permanent roadbed is a good one, the grade being one per cent on 52 feet to the mile.—Bolivar Breeze.

—The work of remodeling the county jail is well under way. Joseph W. McCarty has the contract for placing the structure in condition for the steel cages. The cells, stairways, etc., will be removed, the roof trussed and windows for ventilation and light cut through the walls. This part of the work will probably be finished within six weeks. It needs but a visit to the jail to convince anyone that the improvements are strictly necessary, as the jail in its old condition was not a fit place to confine wild animals, to say nothing of human beings. The prisoners, seven in number, are locked in the women's department and will be kept there until the repairs are completed. A watchman is on duty every night to prevent escape, as this department is not so substantial as the men's quarters.

Two Fires in Bradford.

"Nearly $50,000 worth of property was destroyed by fire in this city last night," says the Bradford Era of Tuesday. "Two wood working plants were the objects of a firebug's destructive mania. The storage department of the plant known as the McAmbly mill at the foot of Hilton street and owned by Acors Rathbone was the building first set on fire. It was totally destroyed at an estimated loss of $8,000. The second building was fired only a few minutes later. This was the immense kindlingwood factory formerly operated by Bedell & Crouse at the foot of Logan street. It had been idle for some time and the property was in litigation. Pending a settlement of the firm's business troubles, Mr. E. E. Tait has been acting as receiver. The loss of this well equipped plant is estimated at $40,000, with not a cent's insurance. At least so the Era was informed last night. In addition to the kindlingwood factory a number of railroad cars were destroyed.

"Who the firebug is or what is his object, can not even be conjectured. The fire in the same vicinity, Sunday night, was of incendiary origin and there is little doubt that the same hand set the three fires. At the Bedell & Crouse plant there was neither fire nor light of any kind that would have started the conflagration. At the Rathbone plant there was no fire or light in the storage department. The night watchman was at the mill proper and had no knowledge of the fire until it was well under way. These are the reasons given for the belief that both structures were destroyed by an incendiary. After applying the torch to the Rathbone plant the miscreant hurried to the kindlingwood factory and completed his night's work only too successfully."

The "Little Blue Book."

A neat, compact pocket volume containing the time-tables of all the railroads in Pennsylvania. Should be in the possession of every travelling man, hotel, business man and business firm in the state. It is published monthly, with all corrections up to date, at one dollar per year. Single copies ten cents. Mailed on receipt of price. Address Little Blue Book, Milton, Pa.

For Sale.

I offer for sale my store and stock of general merchandise, at Clermont, Pa. cheap for cash. This is an opportunity for the right person. Reason for sell is ill health.
LAWRENCE BAYER,
6tf Clermont, Pa

Miss Burns will hold her dancing school next Monday, in the hose house. Children's class at 3 p. m.; adults at 7:30 and assembly at 9.

All in arrears to the MINER for subscriptions, advertising or job work will please settle at once. BURT OLSON.
Smethport, Pa., Feb. 15, 1900. 1t

Radishes, spinage, green onions, lettuce and celery at Dickenson's.

Kind Words.

On Monday last Mr. Burt Olson closed the deal with Mr. H. L. Backus by which the latter gentleman comes into possession of the stock, presses, type and good will of the McKEAN MINER, plant, and that newspaper will make its appearance this week at the masthead the name of Mr. Backus, editor and proprietor. Mr. Olson has been the guiding spirit of the MINER since the fall of 1893 and the new proprietor has been connected with the office much of the time for the past dozen years and is therefore well fitted to assume the more exacting duties of editor and proprietor of the oldest newspaper in McKean county. The MINER under the direction of Mr. Olson has prospered in the past, as we have no doubt it will continue to prosper in the future under its new management. To the retiring editor and proprietor, Mr. Olson, the Democrat extends its best wishes for his future success and happiness. And to Mr. Backus we extend the hand of fellowship with the hope that he may reap both pleasure and profit in the newspaper ranks. He has come into possession of a well established business, and there is no reason why he should not meet with a full measure of success in his new relations.—McKean Democrat.

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A deal was closed on Monday evening between Burt Olson, of Smethport, former editor and proprietor of the McKEAN MINER, and H. L. Backus, who has been employed in the office for some time, by which the latter gentleman has become owner of the paper. Mr Olson was proprietor of the paper for over six years, and during that time he gave the people a good, newsy and well-edited sheet, and one which his subscribers could not do otherwise than appreciate. Mr. Backus, the present proprietor, is a bright young man, and one who has the ability to reach a high position on the ladder of journalism. The Enterprise wishes him success.—Potter Enterprise.

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THE McKEAN MINER is now edited by Mr. Harry Backus, who purchased the paper on Monday of this week, from Mr. Burt Olson. Mr. Backus has been connected with the MINER for a long time and is well equipped by experience to turn out a first class journal. The MINER will be Republican in politics, hereafter, and will succeed. Our best wishes to both the retiring and the present editor.—Bradford Era.

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Mr. Burt Olson, who purchased the McKEAN MINER property in the fall of 1893 and has since published and edited that paper, retires from all connection with it this week. When Mr. Olson took charge of the MINER six years ago last November he was almost an utter stranger to printing offices and wholly so to the editorial sanctum and it occasioned considerable trepidation on the part of his friends whether he would size up to the situation which confronted him. That he has more than surpassed the expectations of all must be conceded. Under his editorial management the MINER has maintained its high standing and although, at times its utterances have not been altogether prudent, and it has attacked its best friends unnecessarily it is to-day one of the ablest county papers in the state. Mr. Olson lays down the editorial pen with the best wishes of all his contemporaries who hope that his future lines may fall in profitable as well as pleasant places.

Mr. Harry Backus, who succeeds Mr. Olson as editor and publisher of the MINER, is a native of Smethport. He commenced his printing experience under the tutelage of Col. L. Rogers of his place for whom he worked a number of years. He is to-day recognized as one of the most accomplished all-around printers in McKean county. He is a young man of fine natural abilities, and although his education has been largely confined to the printing office, he has succeeded in fitting himself for the responsibe duties which he has assumed to an admirable degree. His home surroundings have always been intensely Democratic yet very early in life he decided that the antiquated principles of that party had become dead issues which no young man with any vim could afford to ally himself with. His first vote and all that he has since cast have been for Republican men and measures. That the MINER will continue to prosper under his guiding hand no one can doubt.—Kane Republican.

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Word reaches us from the county seat that Harry Backus has purchased the MINER of Col. Burt Olson. The latter has owned and successfully operated the MINER for the past half dozen years and has made it one of the best newspapers in this section of the state. He knew but little about the business when taking charge of the McKEAN COUNTY MINER, of conducting a newspaper and less about making one, and while he has neglected to post himself on the mechanical part he has developed into a good editor. During the past three years the paper hasn't been in line with the regular organization of the Republican party which it had previously so ably represented and its business has been more or less divided. Mr. Olson has received and is entitled to congratulations in the stand he has taken for the right. The new owner, Mr. Backus, is a printer by profession, a good one, and ought to know something about how to successfully conduct a newspaper. A couple of weeks' experience will convince him that there is a big difference in the philosophy of hustling all the week to pay twelve dollars or in hustling all the week to earn it. He was an employe of the office, under Rogers and has been there since. He is a pleasant gentleman and I welcome him to the newspaper competition of the county.—Port Allegany Reporter.

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We learn with regret, that Bro. Burt Olson has disposed of the McKEAN MINER to Mr. Harry Backus of Smethport, an old and valued employe of the plant. Bro. Olson retires, leaving the helm in the hands of one competent to guide the ship, and while we can only wish the new proprietor unbounded prosperity in his new venture, we hope that Bro. Olson may long live to enjoy all the good things of life.—Port Allegany Press.

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Harry L Backus has succeeded Burt Olson as editor and proprietor of the McKEAN COUNTY MINER. Mr. Backus has had long experience in newspaper work and assumes the management of the MINER under the most favorable circumstances. The MINER is the oldest paper in the county and enjoys an enviable clientage. The Star congratulates Mr. Backus and wishes him and the MINER unstinted success. The MINER will continue as it has always been, Republican.—Bradford Star.

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Col. Olson, of the McKEAN COUNTY MINER, has disposed of that paper to Harry L. Backus, and lays down the pencil and shears in a feeling valedictory in this week's issue of the paper. In passing we extend the glad hand to Brother Olson, and wish him a continual flow of the good things of life, while in behalf of Brother Backus we invoke the blessings from on high, that will henceforth and forever cease to fall upon his head from other sources.—Mt. Jewett Herald.

PERSONAL MENTION.

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I. F. Myers, [illegible] visited Kane on Tuesday.

H. C. Gorman of Coudersport transacted business in town Tuesday.

C. W. Eaton, Esq., of [illegible] Monday.

C. L. Peck of Coudersport was transacting business at the hub yesterday.

Attorney Eugene Mullin had business at court the fore part of the week.

Mrs. A. W. Cutler is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary A. Backus.

John Stonebrook of Colegrove was a pleasant caller at this office on Monday.

[illegible] D. Hamlin [illegible] Saturday for Chicago where he will remain for [illegible] time.

D. C. Young departed for New York city yesterday to purchase new goods.

Miss Edna Keenan of Bradford passed Sunday in town a guest of her parents.

A. B. Hill of Bradford was in town Monday taking orders for the Buckley shirt.

Mrs. W. R. Gibson of Bradford visited her parents in town the first of the week.

M. Reed of Clermont was a welcome caller at the MINER office on Wednesday.

Mrs. F. C. Pierce returned home Saturday from a two weeks' visit with Warren friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon C. Larrabee of Coudersport were Smethport visitors on Monday.

Mrs. I. D. Abley and Mrs. A. M. Thaune and son visited friends in Hazelhurst yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Seger and daughter, Ida, spent Sunday in town the guests of W. T. Seger.

Attorney J. E. Mullin of Kane attended court here Monday and called on this office while in town.

H. B. Milward, editor of the Kane Leader, was a welcome caller at this office while attending court Monday.

Miss Nellie Masser returned from Geneseo, N. Y., where she has just finished a complete course at the state normal school.

Miss Helen Harding who has been visiting the Misses Haley of East Main street, returned to her home in Mt. Alton Monday.

Rev. J. W. Wright, now of Derrick City and pastor of the M. E. church here in 1893 and '94 was greeting old friends here yesterday.

Miss Ethel Folger who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Orlo J. Hamlin, for the past two weeks, returned to her home in Geneva on Wednesday.

C. C. Decker of Farmers Valley was a pleasant caller at this office Monday. Mr. Decker is a candidate for school director and we hope to see him elected.

Mrs. D. C. Young and daughter, Miss Lois, departed yesterday for the island of Bermuda, where they will spend some time enjoying the balmy breezes of that delightful climate.

Mr. and Mrs. John Forrest, Dr. H. J. McCoy and J. W. Boulton started on Wednesday for a trip south. They will visit Washington and then continue their trip to De Land, Fla.

Isaac Fry and daughter, Mrs. Frank Stanley, of South Bend, Ind., returned home on Monday. They were here to attend the funeral of Mr. Fry's brother in law, the late William Ramer.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mitchell of Smethport passed Sunday in Bolivar, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Mitchell. Mr. Mitchell is prothonotary and a leading Republican of McKean county.—Bolivar Breeze.

J. C. Doyle of Sartwell was a brief caller at this office on Friday last. Mr. Doyle informed us that he had succeeded in allaying the disease that has been prevalent among his cattle and he now thinks the rest will live.

R. E. Dekker, formerly editor of the Ridgway Star, was a guest at the Grand Central Tuesday. Mr. Dekker expects to soon resurrect the Star on a more solid basis than heretofore. The MINER wishes him all the success he can desire.

Hunting for New Writers.

Eight thousand manuscripts were received by The Ladies' Home Journal during the year just closed. Each was given a careful reading, but out of the entire number only eighty were found worthy of publication. The Manuscript Bureau of The Ladies Home Journal is operated at a large expense, but the hope of discovering new writers or some aspirants with undeveloped talent warrants the outlay. It can be seen that the articles secured by such a careful winnowing process brings the cost of each up to and above the remuneration paid our best writers.

These facts bring refutation to the oft-repeated but none the less erroneous assertion that only well-known writers of established literary reputation are able to find a place for their work in the magazines. Exactly the contrary is true. The Ladies' Home Journal, through the manuscripts considered, has discovered three or four new writers of excellent merit and great promise, and this "find" its editor regards as fully warranting the large outlay of maintaining an expensive bureau for reading all the manuscripts submitted.

A Mid-Winter Outing.

The W. N. Y. & P. Ry. will run a popular low rate Amusement Excursion to Buffalo and Niagara Falls, Washington's Birthday, Thursday, February 22. Train will leave Smethport 9:34 a. m. Fare for round trip $2.25. Tickets will be good for return passage on all regular trains Feb. 22 and 23, thus giving two days at Buffalo or Niagara.

As this will be the only low rate excursion during the winter months, all should take advantage of the opportunity for a day's outing. If you have never visited Niagara Falls during the winter, a pleasant surprise is in store for you, for nowhere can such ice formation be seen.

Buffalo theatres offer the following attractions: Star, "James K. Hackett;" Lyceum, "Sunshine of Paradise Alley;" Shea's Vaudeville; Court Street, Burlesque. Special matinees at all theatres Washington's Birthday.

Wonderful Souvenirs Free.

Announcement is made by the publishers that every reader of the great Philadelphia Sunday Press will receive next Sunday, February 18, absolutely free two souvenirs of a character and value far beyond anything heretofore offered by a newspaper. One will be a beautiful picture in ten colors by Paul de Longpre, the famous flower painter, entitled "A Yard of Roses." It is twice as large as any picture ever given away by a newspaper, and that it is worth framing is evident from the fact that copies cannot be bought at retail for less than a dollar. But, in addition to this, every reader of next Sunday's Press will receive an attractively illustrated booklet of convenient size containing the greatest detective story ever written by Emile Gaboriau. If you want these splendid gifts you had better order next Sunday's Press at once, as warning is given that the supply will be limited. If there is no news agent in your vicinity get some bright boy to write for the agency.

A Misunderstanding.

Many doctors and symptoms of disease lead doctors to treat something else when the kidneys are out of order. Foley's Kidney Cure will bring you health when other medicines have failed. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

For Sale.

The Sprague brick building at corner of Main and Fulton streets. Inquire of W. D. Gallup or write Mrs. Emma J. Sprague, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Correspondence.

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Mrs. E. G. Fehler of Allegany, N. Y., is visiting her [illegible], Mrs. Jay Hamilton.

A. L. [illegible] House [illegible].

Mrs. Gertrude W[illegible] is sick with the measles at this writing.

Clarence Tullis spent Sunday with his parents at Colegrove.

Mark Hamond [illegible] is visiting friends in this place.

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Ralph Cooper drove down from Mina Saturday.

C. A. Hodge was [illegible] one day last week.

LARABEE.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Foster returned to their home at Crosby Saturday after spending some two months among friends and relatives in this region.

Miss Alice Otto of Westons, N. Y., who has been visiting relatives in town during the past two weeks, returned home Monday.

On Saturday last Pietro Sarvomagno moved his family to Turtle Point where he has secured a position on the railroad.

Mrs. E. S. Carpenter and children visited at the home of C. W. Taylor at Turtle Point on Wednesday last.

Leon Carpenter is at Hazelhurst where he is employed in the box department at the glass factory.

The Botanic Medicine Co.'s show was not very well patronized during their stay here.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Haynes of Sartwell visited at Chas. Gaming's Sunday.

Miss Angie Whitney returned from Turtle Point on Thursday last.

D. R. McDonald of the Chadwick House is very ill with measles.

Mrs. F. C. Crandall and daughter Cecil were in Olean Friday.

Miss Bridget Lynch of Port Allegany is visiting at D. Daily's.

FARMERS VALLEY.

A few friends gathered at the home of Mrs. P. H. McGill last Tuesday evening. An enjoyable time was reported by all.

Miss Bertha Heuman, who has been staying at Charley Deckers, has returned to her home at State Line.

Miss Betty Grigsby has gone to Mt. Jewett to spend some time with her uncle, Bruce Spencer.

A ball is to be held in Tylers hall, Feb. 20. Everybody is invited to attend.

Miss Ella Young, who has been sick with quinsy, has returned to her school.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin of Cuba, N. Y., visited at Dar Derby's Wednesday.

Miss Nellie McGill visited the [illegible] school Tuesday.

Mrs. E. J. Cooper is visiting friends in Farmers Valley.

Mrs. Fred Engel, who has been sick, is much better.

Scarletina is reported in Farmers' Valley.

Low-Rate Excursion to Washington.

On Feb. 21, 1900, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will run a special excursion to Washington, from points on the Philadelphia and Erie, Erie to Lock Haven inclusive, for the benefit of all who may wish to visit the national capital. Round-trip tickets, good going on all regular trains on day of issue, and good returning on any regular train within ten days, exclusive of going date, will be sold at rate of $10 from Erie, St. Marys and intermediate points; $8.95 from Driftwood; $8.15 from Renovo; $7.30 from Lock Haven, and proportionate rates from intermediate points.

A through sleeping car will be run from Erie to Washington on train leaving Erie at 1:30 p. m.

Holders of special excursion tickets to Washington can purchase at the ticket offices in Washington, excursion tickets to Richmond, Old Point Comfort, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Princess Anne Hotel, at special reduced rates.

For full information consult small handbills, apply to ticket agents, or address E. S. Harrar, division ticket agent, Williamsport, Pa.

An Editor's Life Saved by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

During the early part of October, 1896, I contracted a bad cold which settled on my lungs and was neglected until I feared that consumption had appeared in an incipient state. I was constantly coughing and trying to expel something which I could not. I became alarmed and after giving the local doctor a trial bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and the result was immediate improvement, and after I had used three bottles my lungs were restored to their healthy state.—B. S. Edwards, publisher of The Review, Wyant, Ill. For sale by L. K. Hogarth & Co.

L. K. Hogarth & Co. have about 50 beautiful gold fish for sale. They are beauts and no mistake. Come early and secure first choice. t.f

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BARGAIN DAYS.

We have decided to have one Bargain Day each week, and that day will be Friday, commencing with Friday, February 16th. Here is a chance for you to save money, as we will cut the prices on all goods as low as possible. Below we quote you a few prices:

Sugar, 5 lbs for 28c.

Corn starch, 5 and 7c per package.

Rice, 5, 6 and 8c per lb.

Gold Dust, 18c per package.

Oak Leaf soap, 7 bars for 25c.

Acme soap, 7 bars for 25c; other grades 10 and 12 bars for 25c.

Lion coffee, 12c per lb. A good Rio at 11c per lb.

Bulk laundry starch, 5c per lb.

Rolled oats, 3c per lb.

Mustard in bulk, 10c per qt.

Arm & Hammer brand soda, 7c per lb.

Bird seed, 5c per lb.

Macaroni in 1 lb packages, 8c per lb.

Teas, a fine green Japan at 38c per lb, Gunpowder at 39c per lb.

Clothes pins, 1c per dozen.

Canned corn, sweet and tender, 8c per can.

Canned tomatoes, solid packed, 8c per can.

All kinds of 5c smoking tobacco, 6 packages for 25c.

Climax plug, 40c per lb.

Hams, the best, 11c per lb.

Hams, California, 8½c per lb.

Bacon, 9c per lb.

Raisins, 8, 10 and 12c per lb.

Lard, the best, 7½c per lb.

Prunes, 5, 7, 9 and 12c per lb.

We sell the very best grade of flour at $1.19 per sack, other grades 83½c to $1.12 per sack.

Gelatine, 8c per package.

Dunham's Cocoanut in packages, 4 and 8c per package. In bulk 18c per lb.

Toilet paper, 6 rolls for 25c.

Salmon, 9c per can.

Catsup, 5 and 8c per bottle.

Vanilla and lemon extract 5 and 9c per bottle.

Lake shore canned pumpkin, 8c per can.

Lantern globes, 7c each.

Armour's washing powder, 3 packages for 10c.

Quart bottles of blueing 8c.

REMEMBER these prices are for Friday of each week only and strictly cash. Do not come in Saturday and expect to get goods at these prices. We would like to have all those who can come in the morning to do so.

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UNDERTAKING IN ALL ITS BRANCHES.

The Crucifixion of Philip Strong

By Rev. CHARLES M. SHELDON,

Author of "In His Steps: What Would Jesus Do?" "Malcom Kirk," "Robert Hardy's Seven Days," Etc.

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was perfectly quiet; 'I will not allow any such disturbance at this meeting. We are here, not to denounce people, but to find the truth. Let every fair minded man bear that in mind.'

"The preacher sat down, and the audience cheered.

"The president of the trades assembly resumed the discussion, closing with the statement that never in the history of the country had there been so much money in the banks and so little of it in the pockets of the people, and when that was a fact something was wrong, and it was for the men who owned the money to right that wrong, for it lay in their power, not with the poor man.

"He was followed by a very clear and intensely interesting talk by Rev. Mr. Strong on the Christian teaching concerning the wealth of the world. Several times he was interrupted by applause, once with hisses, several times with questions. He was hissed when he spoke of the great selfishness of labor unions and trades organizations in their attempts to dictate to other men in the matter of work. With this one exception, in which the reverend gentleman spoke with his usual frankness, the audience cheered his presentation of the subject and was evidently in perfect sympathy with his views. Short extracts from his talk will show the drift of his entire belief on this subject:

"'Every dollar that a man has should be spent to the glory of God.

"'The teaching of Christianity about wealth is the same as about anything else. It all belongs to God and should be used by the man as God would use it in the man's place.

"'The accumulation of vast sums of money by individuals or classes of men has always been a bad thing for society. A few very rich men and a great number of very poor men are what gave the world the French revolution and the guillotine.

"'There are certain conditions true of society at certain times when it is the Christian duty of the rich to use every cent they possess to relieve the need of society. Such a condition faces us today.

"'The foolish and unnecessary expenditures of society on its trivial pleasures at a time when men and women are out of work and children are crying for food is a cruel and un-Christian waste of opportunity.

"'If Christ were here today, I believe he would tell the rich men of Milton that every cent they have belongs to Almighty God, and they are only trustees of his property.

"'The church that thinks more of fine architecture and paid choirs than of opening its doors to the people that they may hear the gospel is a church that is mortgaged for all it is worth to the devil, who will foreclose at the first opportunity.

"'The first duty of every man who has money is to ask himself, What would Christ have me do with it? The second duty is to go and do it after hearing the answer.

"'If the money owned by church members were all spent to the glory of God, there would be fewer hundred thousand dollar churches built and more model tenements.

"'If Christ had been a millionaire, he would have used his money to build up character in other people rather than build a magnificent brownstone palace for himself. But we cannot imagine Christ as a millionaire.

"'It is as true now as when Paul said it nearly 20 centuries ago, "The love of money is a root of all kinds of evil." It is the curse of our civilization, the greatest god of the human race today.

"'Our civilization is only partly Christian, for Christian civilization means more comforts; ours means more wants.

"'If a man's pocketbook is not converted with his soul, the man will not get into heaven with it.

"'There are certain things that money alone can secure, but among those things it cannot buy is character.

"'All wealth from the Christian standpoint is in the nature of trust funds, to be so used as the administrator, God, shall direct. No man owns the money for himself. The gold is God's; the silver is God's. That is the plain and repeated teaching of the Bible.

"'It is not wrong for a man to make money. It is wrong for him to use it selfishly or foolishly.

"'The consecrated wealth of the men of Milton could provide work for every idle man in town. The Christian use of the wealth of the world would make impossible the cry for bread.

"'Most of the evils of our present condition flow out of the love of money. The almighty dollar is the god of Protestant America.

"'If men loved men as eagerly as they love money, the millennium would be just around the corner.

"'Wealth is a curse unless the owner of it blesses the world with it.

"'"If any man hath the world's goods and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

"'Christian socialism teaches a man to bear other people's burdens. The very first principle of Christian socialism is unselfishness.

"'We shall never see a better condition of affairs in this country until the men of wealth realize their responsibility and privilege.

"'Christ never said anything against the poor. He did speak some tremendous warnings in the face of the selfish rich.

"'The only safe thing for a man of wealth to do is to ask himself, What would Christ do with my money if he had it?'

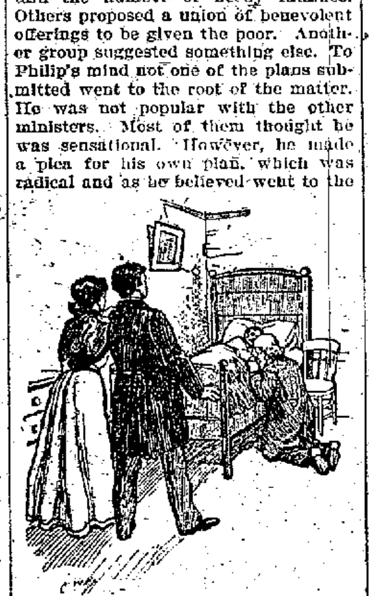
"It would be impossible to describe the effect of the Rev. Mr. Strong's talk upon the audience. Once the applause was so long continued that it was a full minute before he could go on. When he finally closed with a tremendous appeal to the wealth of Milton to use its power for the good of the place, for the tearing down and remodeling of the tenements, for the solution of the problem of no work for thousands of desperate men, the audience rose to its feet and cheered again and again.

"At the close of the meeting the minister was surrounded by a crowd of men, and an after meeting was held, at which steps were taken to form a committee composed of prominent church people and labor leaders to work, if possible, together toward a common end.

"It was rumored yesterday that several of the leading members of Calvary church are very much dissatisfied with the way things have been going during these Sunday evening meetings and are likely to withdraw if they continue. They say that Mr. Strong's utterances are socialistic and tend to inflame the minds of the people to acts of violence. Since the attack on Mr. Winter nearly every mill owner in town goes armed and takes extra precautions. Mr. Strong was much pleased with the result of the Sunday night meetings and said they had done much to bridge the gulf between the church and the people. He refused to credit the talk about disaffection in Calvary church."

In another column of this same paper were five separate accounts of the desperate condition of affairs in the town. The midnight hold up attacks were growing in frequency and in boldness. Along with all the rest the sickness in the tenement district had assumed the nature of an epidemic of fever, clearly caused by the lack of sanitary regulations, imperfect drainage and crowding of families. Clearly the condition of matters was growing serious.

At this time the ministers of different churches in Milton held a meeting to determine on a course of action that would relieve some of the distress. Various plans were submitted. Some proposed districting the town to ascertain the number of needy families. Others proposed a union of benevolent offerings to be given the poor. Another group suggested something else. To Philip's mind not one of the plans submitted went to the root of the matter. He was not popular with the other ministers. Most of them thought he was sensational. However, he made a plea for his own plan, which was radical and as he believed went to the real heart of the subject. He proposed that every church in town, regardless of its denomination, give itself in its pastor and members to the practical solution of the social troubles by personal contact with the suffering and sickness in the district; that the churches all throw open their doors every day in the week, weekdays as well as Sundays, for the discussion and agitation of the whole matter; that the country and the state be petitioned to take speedy action toward providing necessary labor for the unemployed, and that the churches cut down all unnecessary expenses of paid choirs, do away with pew rents, urge wealthy members to consecrate their riches to the solving of the problem and in every way, by personal sacrifice and common union, let the churches of Milton as a unit work and pray and sacrifice to make themselves felt as a real power on the side of the people in their present great need. It was Christian America, but Philip's plan was not adopted. It was discussed with some warmth, but declared to be visionary, impracticable, unnecessary, not for the church to undertake, beyond its function, etc. Philip was disappointed, but he kept his temper.



The Brother Man was kneeling at the side of the bed praying.

"Well, brethren," he said, "what can we do to help the solution of these questions? Is the church of America to have no share in the greatest problem of human life that agitates the world today? Is it not true that the people in this town regard the church as an insignificant organization, unable to help at the very point of human crisis, and the preachers as a lot of weak, impractical men, with no knowledge of the real state of affairs? Are we not divided over our denominational differences when we ought to be united in one common work for the saving of the whole man? I do not have any faith in the plan proposed to give our benevolence or to district the town and visit the poor. All those things are well enough in their place. But matters are in such shape here now and all over the country that we must do something larger than that. We must do as Christ would do if he were here. What would he do? Would he give anything less than his whole life to it? Would he not give himself? The church as an institution is facing the greatest opportunity it ever saw. If we do not seize it on the largest possible scale, we shall miserably fail of doing our duty."

Saturday night he was out calling a little while, but he came home early. It was the first Sunday of the month on the morrow and he had not fully prepared his sermon. He was behind with it. As he came in his wife met him with a look of news on her face.

"Guess who is here?" she said in a whisper.

"The Brother Man," replied Philip quickly.

"Yes, but you never can guess what has happened. He is in there with William. And the Brother Man—Philip, it seems like a chapter out of a novel—the Brother Man has discovered that William is his only son, who cursed his father and deserted him when he gave away his property. They are in there together. I could not keep the Brother Man out."

Philip and Sarah stepped to the door of the little room, which was open, and looked in.

The Brother Man was kneeling at the side of the bed praying, and his son was listening, with one hand tight clasped in his father's and the tears rolling over his pale face.

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Cold Comfort.

Mr. Penn—Sir William Thompson says that the end of the world will not be brought about by fire, but by frost, and that the finality will come in 10,000,000 years.

Mr. Pitt—If there is any comfort I, that, it is cold comfort.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

In a map of China recently published by the China Inland mission it is pointed out that it is wrong to speak of the "Yang-tse Kiang river," as kiang means river.

At a rough estimate there are 15,000,000 pairs of gloves imported into this country each year.

To Stop a Cold.

After exposure or when you feel a cold coming on, take a dose of Foley's Honey and Tar. It never fails to stop a cold if taken in time. Take nothing else. L. K. Hogarth & Co.

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FIRST WIG IN HISTORY.

It Was Worn by the Daughter of Saul, King of Israel.

The first wig mentioned in history was made of a goat's skin and worn by the daughter of Saul, king of Israel. The first artistic wigs were made in the south of Italy for the Gaulians, who lived in Apulia and were known for the luxuries of their toilet. These people were, they say, the first who painted their faces. This they did with the juice of strawberries.

The Persians wore wigs. Xenophon relates that little Cyrus, when he visited Astyages, his grandfather, whose eyes were framed in blue paint and who wore an enormous wig, threw himself on his knees and cried, "Oh, mother, what a beautiful grandfather I have!" Aglais, a maid of honor, was so struck by the appearance of the old gentleman that she remained with Astyages as a slave.

The Phoenician women, who were proud of their hair, having been ordered by their priests to offer it up on the altars dedicated to Venus after the death of Adonis, obeyed, but with murmuring. Soon after they were consoled by a Greek merchant, who told them that he would give them the means of hiding their bald pates under luxurious curls. In his chariot he had hundreds of wigs of all colors.

Wigs were in vogue in Rome toward the end of the republic and so well made that, says Ovid, "no man could know if his wife had any hair at all before she had given him an opportunity of seizing her by the tresses."

Teutonic peasants were the providers of blond hair for rich Roman princesses, who loved the contrast of its flaxen hue with their black eyes. They even had morning wigs, small and tightly curled, of any color, and they kept the beautiful fair ones to receive their admirers at night. Messalina had 150 wigs to disguise herself.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

He Won the Bet.

A showman was making great noise at the front of the exhibition of "wonders" he had on show. A man standing in the crowd, with a little dog beside him, cried out:

"I'll bet you a quid you can't let me see a lion."

"Done!" said the showman eagerly. "Put down your money."

The man placed a sovereign in the hand of a bystander, and the showman did the same.

"Now walk this way," said the showman, "and I'll soon convince you. There!" said he triumphantly. "Look in that corner at the beautiful Numidian lion."

"I don't see any," responded the other.

"What's the matter with you?" asked the showman.

"I'm blind," was the reply, and in a few minutes the blind man pocketed the two sovereigns and went away.—London Answers.

Where Genius Comes In.

Grimes—Do you think it indicates a high degree of intellectuality to be able to write poetry?

Rawson—Not at all. Almost anybody can write poetry. It requires brains to get it published.—Boston Transcript.

The Disappointed One.

A severe and elderly woman passed by with one of her kind. We caught only this fragment: "It seems to me some persons are born just to get the first reading of new books at the Athenaeum."—Boston Journal.

Reward.

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Twenty years later, in 1897, Mr. Low was the citizens' candidate and Mr. George the labor candidate for mayor of New York. The latter made a vigorous campaign and in all his speeches advised the citizens, if they could not vote for him, to vote for his friend Seth Low, and on one occasion he said that if it had not been for the latter he would not be there as a candidate. Few understood his full meaning.—Saturday Evening Post.

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With a yell of terror the boy fled. When the doctor had enjoyed a hearty laugh, he picked up a fine apple and followed the boy into the street to give it to him. "Come here, my boy!" he shouted. "Here's a fine apple for you."

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1900,

at 1 p. m., the following several pieces of property:

1.

Defendants' interest in all that piece, parcel or tract of land lying, being and situate in Eldred and Ceres townships, county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning [illegible]

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of L. S. Letson and David Morrison at the suit of Francis B. Chapman, [illegible] Chapman and E. L. Chapman, executors.

[illegible], plaintiff's attorney.

2.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania, described as follows: Beginning at a post on the south side of [illegible] street [illegible] of land deeded to [illegible] Caskey [illegible]

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Louis M. Chiriace & the [illegible] National Building, Loan and Savings Association of Jamestown, N. Y.

[illegible], plaintiff's attorneys.

3.

Defendant's interest in all that tract or piece of land lying and being in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at an [illegible] in the south line of Miller street [illegible] Kennedy street [illegible] surveyed by J. A. Seymour, surveyor, September, 1896. Improved and having thereon one one-story frame dwelling house and one small frame barn.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Cornelia Chamberlain and [illegible] at the suit of Genesee [illegible] Savings and Loan Association.

Brown & Schoonmaker, plaintiff's attorneys.

5.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or tract of land lying being and situate in the township of Eldred, county of McKean and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, more particularly bounded and described as follows to-wit: Beginning at a point in the centre of the Allegany river; thence north forty-one and eight-tenths (41 8-10) perches to the northeast corner of lot number 127 Keating allotment of lands in said township; west one hundred twenty-eight (128) perches to a post the northwest corner of said lot No. 127; north thirty-three degrees east [illegible] thirty-four and four-tenths [illegible] perches; thence north thirty-eight and eight-tenths (38 8-10) perches to a point in the west line of lot number 83 of said allotment; thence east one hundred forty-eight (148) perches to a point in the center of said Allegany river; thence up said river on the center line by its several courses and distances to the place of beginning. Containing sixty two acres of land, strict measure be the same more or less. Being the south part of lot No. 116 Keating allotment in said township. About thirty acres improved and having thereon one two-story frame dwelling house, one frame barn and a good orchard of about 85 trees.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Dolvey L. Eberhardt, administrator of Henrietta Eberhardt, deceased, and Hugo Eberhardt, her husband, at the suit of Gillon Howard Strong, assignee of Henry G. Strong and Edwin C. Howard, administrators of James B. Strong, deceased, who were assignees of William Richardson.

Gorton & Richmond, plaintiff's attorneys.

6.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land in the borough of Kane, McKean county and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the southeast corner of Haines and Yarnell streets; thence by the south line of Haines street thirty feet from the center thereof north seventy degrees east sixty feet [illegible] to a post; thence at right angles to said street by lot No. 102, south twenty degrees east one hundred and forty five feet [illegible] to a post; thence parallel to said street south seventy degrees west sixty feet [illegible] to the east line of Yarnell street; thence by east line of said street north twenty degrees west one hundred and forty-five feet [illegible] to the place of beginning. Containing 8,700 square feet more or less. Being lot No. 103 on Haines street, in the borough of Kane, county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania, in Warrant No. 3186. Improved and having thereon one two story and attic frame dwelling house and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Mary S. Ryham and Charles W. Ryham, Deft's, Dr. Thomas L. Kane, terre tenant, at the suit of the Baltimore Building and Loan Association of Baltimore City.

Shaffer & Shaffer, plaintiff's attorneys.

7.

Defendant's interest in all those certain pieces or parcels of land in Wetmore township, McKean county and state of Pennsylvania, part of Warrant No. 3125, being lots Nos. 39 and 19, Kinzua Farms, bounded and described as follows:

No. 39—Beginning at a post and stones in the north line of the Kane and Wilcox road [illegible] reserved roadway east [illegible] Containing 13.90 acres more or less. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame dwelling house [illegible]

[illegible]

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of [illegible] at the suit of [illegible]

[illegible] plaintiff's attorneys.

8.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece [illegible] Bradford [illegible] county [illegible] state of Pennsylvania and described as follows: Beginning at an elm tree [illegible]

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of A. J. Means at the suit of A. J. Edgett.

Berry & Edgett, plaintiff's attorneys.

9.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece, parcel or lot of land situate in the city of Bradford, county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a post on the east side of Bennett street; thence east along the line parallel with School street, ninety-three feet and four inches [illegible] feet to a point; thence southerly along line parallel with Bennett street forty-nine and five-tenths [illegible] feet to a point; thence west along line parallel with School street, ninety-two feet and [illegible] inches [illegible] feet to a point; thence northerly along east line of said Bennett street forty-nine and five-tenths [illegible] feet to place of beginning, being lot No. 78, seventy-six as surveyed in 1895 by J. A. Seymour, surveyor, as per plot of the same recorded in Recorder's office of McKean county in Deed Book Vol. 84, page four hundred [illegible] the original map being on file in Recorder's office of McKean county and said reference to the same may more fully and at large appear. Improved and having thereon one one and one-half story frame dwelling house and usual out buildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of E. A. Proper at the suit of Horace Keenan.

C. J. Curtis, plaintiff's attorney.

10.

Defendant's interest in all that certain piece or parcel of land situate on lot 234, Warrant 3350, Bradford township, county of McKean and state of Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at a point in the center of the highway and in the west line of lot 233 of the Kingsbury survey and allotment; thence north by the west line of lot 233 forty (40) rods to a post; thence westerly and parallel with the highway eight (8) rods to an iron post; thence south and parallel with the east line forty (40) rods to a point in the center of the highway; thence north 86 degrees east by the center of the highway eight (8) rods to the place of beginning. Containing two (2) acres, saving and reserving however from the operation of this conveyance the oil and gas well or wells now on the said described land. Also the oil, gas and mineral right in the same, together with the right of ingress and egress over and across the said described land with the right to lay and maintain and keep pipe or pipes for the transportation of oil and gas to and from the wells. This said reservation being made to F. D. Wood and L. W. Young, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns, the said rights having been heretofore conveyed to them by agreement bearing date the 23d day of November, A. D. 1894. Being the same premises conveyed by the Bradford Gas Light & Heating Company to the said C. M. Carman by deed dated September 23rd, 1892. Improved and having thereon one one and one-half story frame dwelling house with one story addition on the back, one small board barn, one water well and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of C. M. Carman at the suit of Enos Parsons, now by substitution Mary Parsons, executrix.

D. H. Jack, plaintiff's attorney.

11.

Defendant's interest in all that piece, parcel or tract of land situate, lying and being in the commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and in the county of McKean, boro of Eldred, bounded and described as follows, viz.: Beginning at a post in the center of the road north; twenty-four degrees west, eleven and eight-tenths (11.8) perches from the north line of lands of Ashley Cohoon; thence south seventy-three (73 degrees) degrees west, twenty-two and three tenths (22.3) perches to the east line of land of the Buffalo, New York and Philadelphia Railroad Company; thence by said east line north, eight and one-half (8½ degrees) degrees west three and three-fourths (3¾) perches to a post corner; thence north, seventy three (73 degrees) degrees east twenty-one rods (21) more or less to the center of the road; thence by center of road to the place of beginning. Containing one-half (½) acre more or less. Being the same premises conveyed by T. C. Waterman and Emma M. his wife, to Dora A. Stull by deed dated January 2nd, 1891, and recorded in the Recorder's office in and for McKean county in Deed Book Vol. 80, page 332, etc. Improved and having thereon one two-story frame dwelling house and usual outbuildings.

Seized, taken in execution and will be sold as the property of Dorothy A. Snedeker, formerly Dorothy A. Stull, at the suit of T. C. Waterman, use of J. W. Bouton and F. D. Gallup as Bouton & Gallup.

F. D. Gallup, plaintiff's attorney.

WILLIAM B. CLARKE,
Sheriff's Office, Smethport, Pa., Feb. 7, 1900.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 235, October Term, 1899.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania, to the sheriff of said county greeting:

Whereas, William Woodworth did, on the 24th day of August, 1899, prefer his petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth he might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Maud Woodworth.

We therefore command you, the said Maud Woodworth, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean, on the fourth Monday of February next to answer the petition or libel of William Woodworth and show cause, if any you have, why the said William Woodworth, your husband, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the Acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy.

WILLIAM B. CLARKE, Sheriff.
E. K. Keenan and C. J. Curtis, Libellant's Attorneys.
Smethport, Pa., January 30, 1900.

Notice in Divorce.

A. D. No. 314, October Term, 1899.

McKEAN COUNTY, ss.—THE COMMONwealth of Pennsylvania to the Sheriff of said county, greeting:

Whereas, Nina P. Williams did on the 31st day of August, 1899, prefer her petition to our said Judges of the said Court of Common Pleas of said county, praying for the causes therein set forth she might be divorced from the bonds of matrimony entered into with you, Louis B. Williams.

We therefore command you, the said Louis B. Williams, that setting aside all other business and excuses whatsoever, you be and appear in your proper person before our Judges at Smethport, at a Court of Common Pleas there to be held for the county of McKean on the fourth Monday of February next, to answer the petition or libel of Nina P. Williams, and show cause, if any you have, why the said Nina P. Williams, your wife, should not be divorced from the bonds of matrimony, agreeably to the acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Herein fail not.

A true copy.

WILLIAM B. CLARKE, Sheriff.
Berry & Edgett, Libellant's Attorneys.
Smethport, Pa., January 30, 1900.

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10:45 A. M.—Daily except Sunday for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Bradford, Mt. Jewett and Kane.

1:30 P. M.—Express, daily except sunday, for Ormsby Junction, Simpson, Davis, Aiken, Kinzua Junction and Bradford; connecting with B. R. & P. for Buffalo and Rochester, arriving at Buffalo at 4:35 p. m. and Rochester at 6:30 p. m.—and Mt. Jewett and Kane; connecting at Kane with P. & E. R. R. for Sheffield, Tiona, Warren, Corry, Union City and Erie.

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Trains arrive at Smethport at 12 m. and 2.35 p. m. daily except sunday; and at 10:00 a. m. and 6:25 p. m. daily.

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Bradford, Pa.

COUDERSPORT & PORT ALLEGANY Railroad Time Table, takes effect Monday, Oct. 24, 1899.

A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	Stations	A. M.	P. M.	A. M.
[illegible]	7.15	2.10	Ar. Ulysses Dp.	7.32	4.30	9.22
[illegible]	[illegible]	11.58	Crowell	7.41	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	11.56	Carpenter	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.05	11.53	Perkins	7.45	2.44	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.02	1.50	N. W'd Ju'ctn	7.48	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	1.45	Newfield	7.51	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	1.41	Gold	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	1.35	Raymond	7.58	2.55	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	1.24	Seven Bridge's	8.11	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	1.21	Colesburg	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	1.14	Frink's	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	N. C'port	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	6.15	1.00	Dp. Coudersport Ar.	8.36	3.45	[illegible]
P. M.	P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
4.20	7.40	12.53	Ar. Coudersport Dp.	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Hammond	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.44	Olmsted	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.30	12.40	Mina	8.50	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.33	Knowlton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.30	Roulette	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	12.22	Burtville	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Coleman	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Chemical Works	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.02	12.10	Port Allegany	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	Dep't. Arrive	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.

† Flag Station. ○ Trains do not stop. ‡ Telegraph station.

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TRAVELERS GUIDE.

TIME TABLE WESTERN NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA RAILWAY.

In effect Oct. 22, 1899.

Trains leave Smethport for Larabee [illegible] Eldred, Olean, Bradford [illegible] as follows:

Buffalo Express, [illegible]

[illegible]

For Clermont and points on [illegible]

[illegible]

For Larrabee, Port Allegany, Coudersport and points south:

Mail, daily ex Sunday [illegible]

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PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.

PHILADELPHIA & ERIE DIVISION TIME TABLE. In effect Nov. [illegible]

TRAINS LEAVE EMPORIUM JUNCTION EASTWARD.

[illegible] a. m.—Train [illegible], weekdays, for [illegible] Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Pottsville, Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] p. m., New York [illegible] p. m., Baltimore [illegible] p. m., Washington [illegible] p. m. Pullman Parlor car from Williamsport to Philadelphia and passenger coaches from Kane to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Baltimore and Washington.

3:20 p. m.—Train 6, weekdays, for Harrisburg and intermediate stations, arriving at Philadelphia 4:25 a. m., New York [illegible] Baltimore [illegible] a. m., Washington [illegible] Pullman sleeping cars from Harrisburg to Philadelphia and New York. Philadelphia passengers can remain in sleeper undisturbed until 7:30 a. m.

9:40 p. m.—Train 4, daily, for Sunbury, Harrisburg and intermediate stations arriving at Philadelphia [illegible] a. m., New York [illegible] a. m., week days, [illegible] Baltimore [illegible] a. m., Washington [illegible] sleeping cars from Erie and Williamsport to Philadelphia and Williamsport to Washington and passenger car from Erie to Philadelphia, and Williamsport to Baltimore. Passengers in sleeper for Baltimore and Washington will be transferred into Washington sleeper at Williamsport.

WESTWARD.

5:10 a. m.—Train 9, week days, for Erie, Ridgway, DuBois, Clermont and intermediate stations.

10:30 a. m.—Train 3, daily for Erie and week days for DuBois and intermediate stations.

5:27 p. m.—Train 15, weekdays, for Kane and intermediate stations.

THROUGH TRAINS FOR EMPORIUM JUNCTION FROM THE EAST AND SOUTH.

Train 9 leaves New York 5 [illegible] Philadelphia 8:50 p. m., Washington [illegible] Baltimore [illegible] p. m., arriving at Emporium [illegible] 5:10 a. m., weekdays, with Pullman sleepers and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and from Washington and Baltimore to Williamsport.

Train 3, leaves New York 7:55 p. m., Philadelphia 11:20 p. m., Washington 10:40 p. m., Baltimore 11:55 p. m., daily arriving at Emporium Junc. 10:30 a. m., with Pullman Palace sleeping cars from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Philadelphia to Erie and Baltimore to Williamsport, on Sundays only, Pullman sleeper Philadelphia to Erie.

Train 15 leaves Philadelphia 8:30 a. m., Washington 7:55 a. m., Baltimore [illegible] a. m., Wilkesbarre 10:55 a. m., week days, arriving at Emporium Junction 5:20 p. m. with Pullman Parlor car from Philadelphia to Williamsport and passenger coaches from Phila. to Kane.

JOHNSONBURG RAILROAD.

Weekdays.

NORTH A. M. Lv.	STATIONS	SOUTH Ar. P. M.
9 40	Ridgway	[illegible]
9 55	Johnsonburg	[illegible]
10 05	Bendigo	[illegible]
10 11	Glen Hazel	[illegible]
10 20	[illegible]	[illegible]
10 25	Instanter	[illegible]
10 31	Smith's Run	[illegible]
10 38	Woodvale	[illegible]
10 45	Clermont	[illegible]
A. M.		A. M.

Connections are made with train 3, leaving Johnsonburg at 11:36 a. m. for Erie and intermediate points, arriving at Erie at [illegible] p. m. and at Ridgway with train [illegible] leaving Ridgway 12:10 p. m. for DuBois, Red Bank, Pittsburg and intermediate points and [illegible] leaving Ridgway at 2:00 p. m. for Philadelphia, New York, Baltimore and Washington.

J. B. HUTCHINSON, General Manager.
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Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway

THE SHORT LINE

On and after Jan. 1st, 1900, passenger trains between, Buffalo, Rochester, Salamanca, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney, Butler, Pittsburg and the Coal and Lumber Regions of Pennsylvania, will leave Bradford and Mt. Jewett as follows:

LEAVE BRADFORD—NORTH BOUND.

8.10 a.m. and 4.15 p.m.—Buffalo & Rochester Express—For Limestone Salamanca, Ellicottville, Springville, Colden Buffalo, Machias, Gainesville, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy and Rochester. Week days only.

3.35 p. m.—Pittsburg Flyer—Daily—For Ashford, Springville, Buffalo, Silver Springs, Warsaw, LeRoy, and Rochester.

2.55 p.m. Sunday for Salamanca and Buffalo.

LEAVE MT. JEWETT—SOUTH-BOUND

8.26 a.m. and 6.27 p.m.—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, Brockwayville, DuBois, Falls Creek and Punxsutawney. Week days only.

12.54 p. m.—Pittsburg Flyer—Daily—For Johnsonburg, Ridgway, DuBois, Punxsutawney, Dayton, Craigsville, Butler and Pittsburg.

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Popular Scenic Route.

BUFFALO & SUSQUEHANNA RAILROAD.

Condensed time table in effect July 24, 1899.

P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	Read up. Stations. Read down.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
8.55	7.28	12.25	ar Keating Sum't	[illegible]	12.40	[illegible]
8.10	7.09	12.00	Austin	6.40	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	7.01	11.53	Costello	6.51	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	6.50	11.42	Wharton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	6.05	10.58	Cross Fork Jct	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	5.39	10.31	Corbett	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	5.27	10.21	Germania	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
[illegible]	5.20	10.15	Galeton	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
P. M.	A. M.					
7.00	1.00	10.12	ar Galeton lv	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
6.47	12.47	8.54	Gaines June	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
6.11	12.11	8.16	Westfield	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
5.56	11.55	8.00	Knoxville	9.47	[illegible]	[illegible]
5.46	11.43	7.51	Osceola	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
6.41	11.41	7.46	Elkland	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
5.30	11.10	7.15	lv Addison ar	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]
P. M.	A. M.	A. M.		A. M.	P. M.	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	ar Galeton lv	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Walton	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Newfield Jct.	[illegible]	[illegible]	
4.19	9.00	[illegible]	West Bingham	[illegible]	[illegible]	
4.08	8.58	[illegible]	Genesee	[illegible]	[illegible]	
4.03	8.55	[illegible]	Shongo	[illegible]	[illegible]	
3.40	8.30	[illegible]	lv Wellsville ar	[illegible]	[illegible]	
P. M.	A. M.			A. M.	P. M.	
[illegible]	8.55	10.12	ar Galeton lv	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	Gaines June	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	lv Ansonia ar	[illegible]	[illegible]	
P. M.	A. M.			A. M.	P. M.	
[illegible]	[illegible]		ar Cross Fork Jct lv	[illegible]	[illegible]	
[illegible]	[illegible]		lv Cross Fork ar	[illegible]	[illegible]	

All trains daily except Sunday.

CONNECTIONS.

At Keating Sum't with W. N. Y. & P. R. R. [illegible]

At Ansonia with F. B. R'y [illegible]

At Newfield Jct. with C. & P. A. R. R. [illegible]

At Genesee with N. Y. & P. R. R. [illegible]

At Addison with Erie R. R. [illegible]

At Wellsville with Erie R. R.

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M. J. McMAHON, Div. Pass'r Ag't, Galeton, Pa.
[illegible]

The Pittsburg, Shawmut & Northern R. R.

Time Table No. [illegible] Passenger Trains [illegible]

MT. JEWETT & SMETHPORT DIV.

[illegible]

SHAWMUT DIVISION.

[illegible]

[illegible] connections at St. Marys [illegible] for all points on [illegible] connections.

N. B. [illegible] F. Flag station.

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